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Colander Jingle Bell



A Singalong Sign Template



Star Ornament Template

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Craft a decoration that makes a big statement, both in size and scent, with a few household items.

Materials and Tools

- 2 matching white plastic colanders, about 7" in diameter with no handles
- Round plastic cap from a spray bottle, such as hairspray or non-stick cooking spray
- Black chalky-finish paint
- Decoupage medium
- Ground cinnamon in a shaker jar
- Battery-operated fairy lights, warm white color
- Clear adhesive tape
- Paintbrushes
- Cookie sheet
- Parchment paper
- Hot-glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Embellishments: Wired ribbon and greenery



Instructions

1. Coat the outsides of both colanders and the plastic cap with black paint. Brush paint along the lip of each colander thoroughly, as these edges may show when the project is complete. Take care that paint does not fill the holes. Let dry.
2. Prepare a work surface by lining a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Brush decoupage medium onto the painted area of one colander and sprinkle it with cinnamon, holding it over the cookie sheet. Continue sprinkling cinnamon until the decoupage medium is completely covered. Repeat with the other colander and the cap. Let dry. Note: The parchment paper can be used as a funnel to return excess cinnamon to the jar for reuse on this project.
3. Turn over one colander with the opening facing up and tape a section of the fairy lights to the inside in random places. Switch the lights on, turn the
- colander over, set onto the other colander, and examine. If the lights are not evenly spaced from top to bottom, adjust the placement. Separate the two colanders to continue.
4. Apply hot glue on the open edge of the cap and adhere to the outer bottom of the colander that has lights taped into it. This will be the top of the jingle bell. Let dry.
5. Set the top colander onto the bottom colander, draping the battery pack of the fairy lights out from between the two. Test placement, as the battery pack's weight will likely require it to rest on the display table to keep the jingle bell in balance. Attach the two colanders with hot glue. Avoid gluing the wiring of the fairy lights.
6. Rotate the jingle bell so the battery pack is in the back, and embellish the top with greenery and a bow to conceal where the cap meets the colander.

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Match on line to make complete pattern

Over the

RIVER

Match on line to make complete pattern

A Singalong Sign
Over the River

Match on line to make complete pattern

Through the

WOODS

Match on line to make complete pattern

A Singalong Sign
Through the Woods

Match on line to make complete pattern

Grandma's

HOUSE

Match on line to make complete pattern

A Singalong Sign
Grandma's House

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