

Pippa Peppermint's Christmas Crafts for Busy Little Elves

Y'all, if there's one thing kids *don't* like about Christmas, it's that it takes forever to get here. School lets out, the sugar kicks in, and suddenly every five minutes you're hearing, "Moooooom, I'm boooooored."

Well grab your glitter and call me Mrs. Claus' Favorite Elf, because Pippa's here to save your sanity with some cheap, easy, kid-approved Christmas crafts that'll keep your little elves busy and your holiday spirit high.



🎄 Christmas Placemat Craft

Got a stack of old Christmas cards laying around? Don't toss 'em, sugar—turn 'em into something cute!

Just tear off the card backs (you know, the part where your favorite Aunt writes her annual novel), and have the kids glue the pretty fronts onto construction paper or cardstock. They can add Christmas doodles or wishes on the rest of the paper that still shows. And if you're feeling dangerous, add some glitter! Once it dries, cover the entire sheet with clear contact paper. Boom! Custom Christmas placemats your kids will *proudly* slap their plates onto every meal from now till New Year's.

👶 Peppermint Santa Ornament

Oh, this one is cuter than a reindeer in pajamas!

Grab those plastic ornaments that open up, fill 'em with peppermints, and glue a wooden ball on top for Santa's face. Stick on some jiggly eyes, add cotton hair, a fluffy beard, and a little red felt hat. Finish him off with a black felt belt and glue the whole thing onto a wooden heart for teeny Santa boots.

Perfect for gifting to teachers, friends, or that one neighbor who always brings you fudge.

🔗 Christmas Countdown Chain

This one is *classic* kid fun—cheap, simple, and messy in the best way.

Cut red and green construction paper into strips. Let the kids go wild with glitter, doodles, stickers—whatever makes them jolly. Loop each strip into a chain and hang it where tiny hands can reach. Every morning, they get to tear off a link and scream, “ONE DAY CLOSER!”

(Warning: excitable squeals may increase as Christmas approaches.)

🦌 Candy Cane Reindeer

Oldie but goodie. And cute enough to melt your heart like cocoa on a stovetop.

Take a candy cane and glue on pipe cleaner antlers, wiggly eyes, and a little pom-pom nose. That's it. Instant reindeer. Make it an entire herd by making all of Santa's reindeer!

🍪 Cookie Cutter Ornaments

If you've got cookie cutters, you've already got half the supplies!

Trace the shapes onto construction paper—snowmen, bells, little trees—and cut them out. Let the kids decorate them with glitter, mini pom-poms, beads, whatever sparkles. Punch a hole, add ribbon, and proudly hang their masterpieces on the tree.

Grandma will cry. In a good way.

And there ya go! Five fun, festive, and budget-friendly crafts to keep your little elves entertained till Santa rolls up in his sleigh.

Stay sweet, stay sparkly —

Pippa Peppermint 🧁❤️

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