

Bear and Snowman Ornaments

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These cute little ornaments can be hung on a tree like the one featured in our November issue, or dangled from a window frame in a 1-inch scale setting. Supplies should be readily available at a crafts store or in a kitchen drawer. Have an adult help you cut with the razor and wire cutters.



What You'll Need for Bear

- Pom-pom (5mm)
- Fimo polymer clay, rolled to 1/16" diameter
- Single-edge razor blade
- Sobo™ and Tacky® glues
- Embroidery floss
- Pin with head
- Black acrylic paint
- Fine black marker

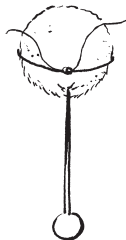
1. Bake rolls of Fimo at 225 degrees for five minutes.

2. Impale pom-pom on pin.

3. Tie one strand of floss around middle of pom-pom.

Glue knot using Sobo glue. Make a small bow. Begin with large bow and keep pulling ends slowly to get size you want. Pull loops to secure. Clip ends of bow.

4. Slice three thin circles of Fimo—two for ears and one for nose. Glue to head using Tacky glue. Make dots for eyes with toothpick dipped in paint. Mark nose and mouth with acrylic paint or with a pin.



5. Form hanger from floss and glue to head with Tacky glue. Remove pin.

Variation: Use two pom-poms glued together for bear's body.

What You'll Need for Snowman

- Beading wire
- Toothpick
- Wire cutters
- 2 pearls, 4mm & 5mm
- Black sequin
- 2 black seed beads
- Embroidery floss: red, green
- Sobo glue
- Fine black permanent marker

1. To make hanger, twist wire around toothpick, leaving a 1-inch tail. Cut wire 1" below twist. Keep wires together.



2. In order, string on wires:

- 2 black beads
- 1 black sequin, cup down
- 1 small pearl
- 1 larger pearl



3. Separate wires below large pearl and bend up around pearl. Cut off wire 1/16" to 1/8" from hole in bottom of pearl.



4. Tie loose knot in two strands of embroidery floss, but do not pull tight. Slip around snowman's neck. Pull tight. Glue knot and pull ends to one side for scarf. Trim ends to 1/8".

5. Mark face and buttons with pen or acrylic paint and toothpick.

These Christmas projects come from sunny Florida, where Nancy and Pat have kits for them. Each kit is \$1.50, which includes postage. A booklet with more patterns is \$2.50, including postage. Contact Nancy Rhode, 2514 Edgewater Drive, Niceville, FL 32578.