

Crafty Gardeners 101

Christmas Craft E-Book 1st Edition





Welcome to Our Craft E-Book

- Hope you enjoy the crafts that will be presented in our Christmas Craft E-Books.
- I will try and make three of them for my members.
- The E-Books will be posted on the web site.

Please feel free to contribute to our Christmas Craft E-Books

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Cloth Reindeer

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These are made by Tammy's mother who is 85.

She makes them from felt and muslin, but you can make them from any scrap material you have on hand.

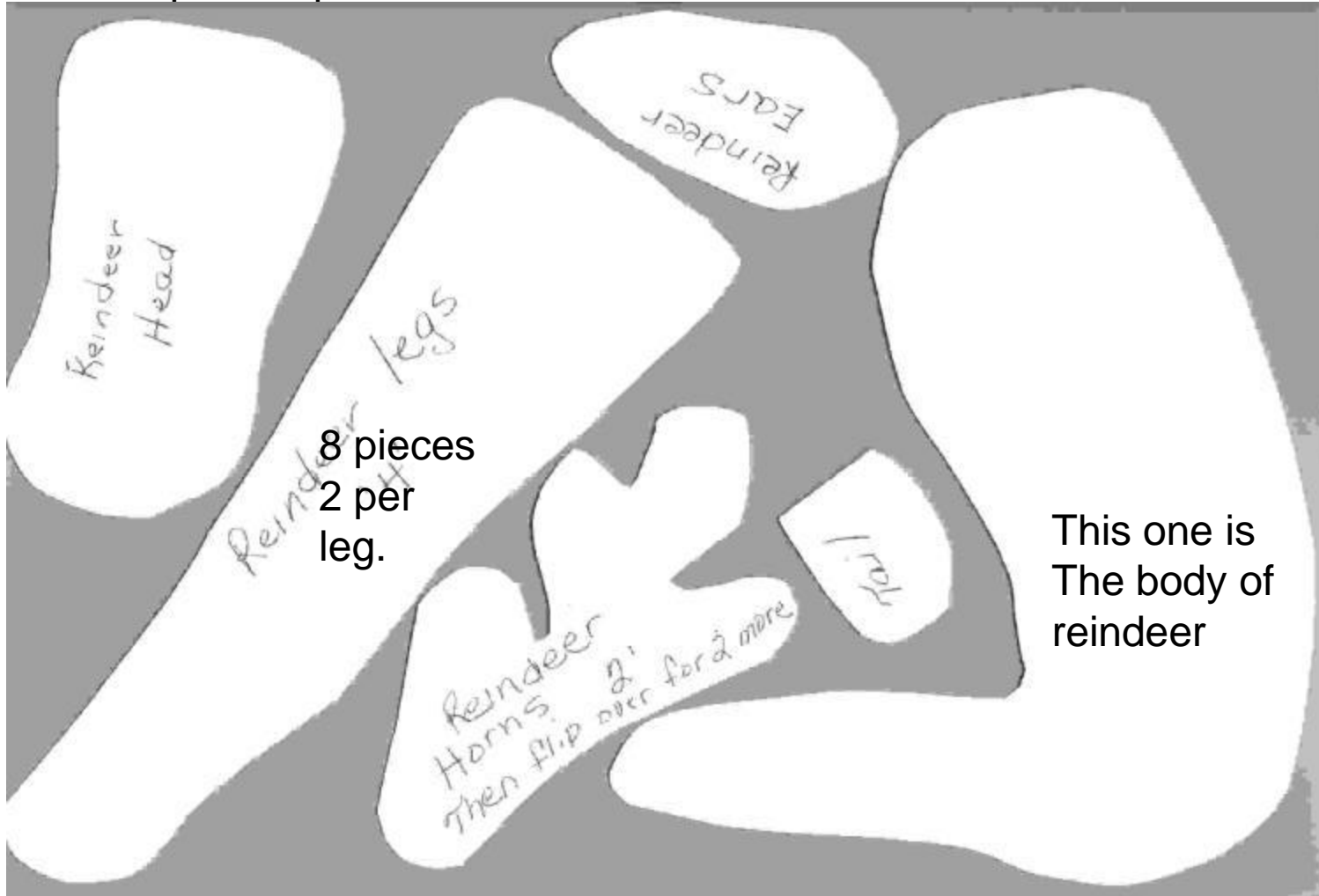
She also uses scrap material for embellishments, acrylic paints, buttons and ribbons.

They are just darling and for sure I will have to try and make one.

I will try and tell you how to make them and I tried getting the pattern from the reindeer. I allowed a small amount around the piece for your seam allowance.



Here's the pattern pieces.





First off cut out your pieces.

- Two of the head piece.
- Eight of the leg piece.
- Two of the body piece.
- Two for the tail piece.
- Four for the ears.
- Two of the horns and then turn over the pattern for two more.

I would start with the body and sew right sides together leaving a small area to be able to put stuffing in for the body. Stuff your body with cotton batting or whatever you have on hand. Lint from your dryer if you save it would work.

Then sew one leg set with right sides together, repeat this for all four legs. Remember to leave a slot so you can stuff your legs with stuffing. Stuff the legs. Do the same for the head, tail, and ears. Do not put stuffing in the ears.

Now Tammy's mother always uses felt for the horns and just hand sews them together with the thread on the outside.

Here's some pictures to show you where the pieces go onto the body.



The head goes onto the long piece of the body and the Horns overlap in the back. Tack on these pieces. I noticed Tammy's mother also glued them.



Where the ears go on the head. She uses rouge for the inside of the ears and cheeks. Use button or bead or any embellishment of your choice for the nose. Use a marker for the eyes and up from nose or paint.



You can see the front legs are just a little ways back from The curve in the front. Tack on the body and you can also glue these. She places a button on each leg at the top.



You can see from this angle where the front and back legs are positioned on the body.

After you have all the pieces put together then comes the real fun. You can make a saddle like in the picture and add embellishments of your choice and try a neat ribbon or bow on your masterpiece.

These are so darling and would make great gifts.

Cardboard Ornaments



These are some more crafts that Tammy's mother makes. They are made from cardboard with materials and corrugated board.

She embellishes with buttons, ribbons, and lace. You can also use scrapbook papers.

You can use good old Elmer's glue. If you wish you can thin it with water. If you use scrapbook papers you can put the thin glue on the top also as the decoupage material.

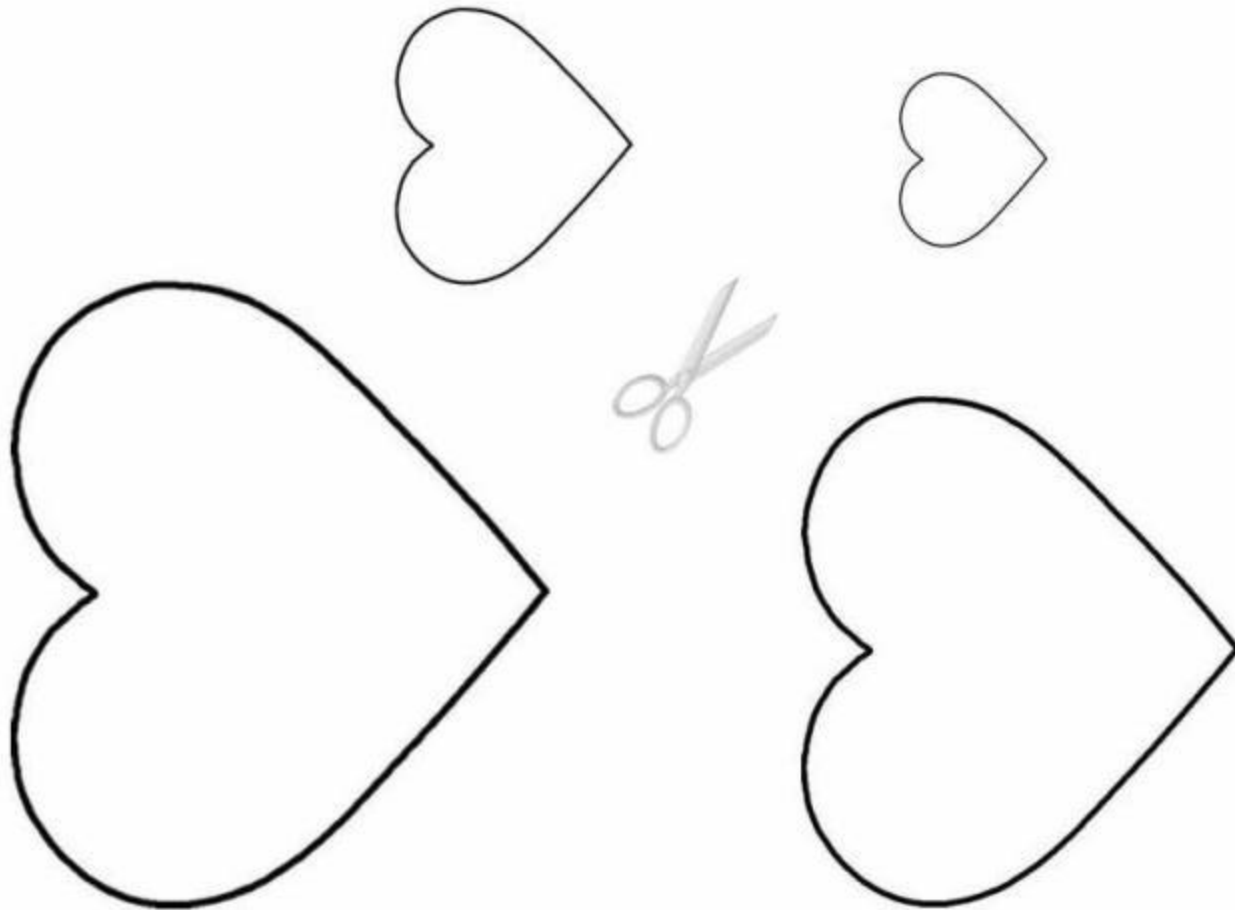


On the next pages I have patterns. The heart can be a regular heart or in the shape of a primitive heart. You can print any of the pages here.

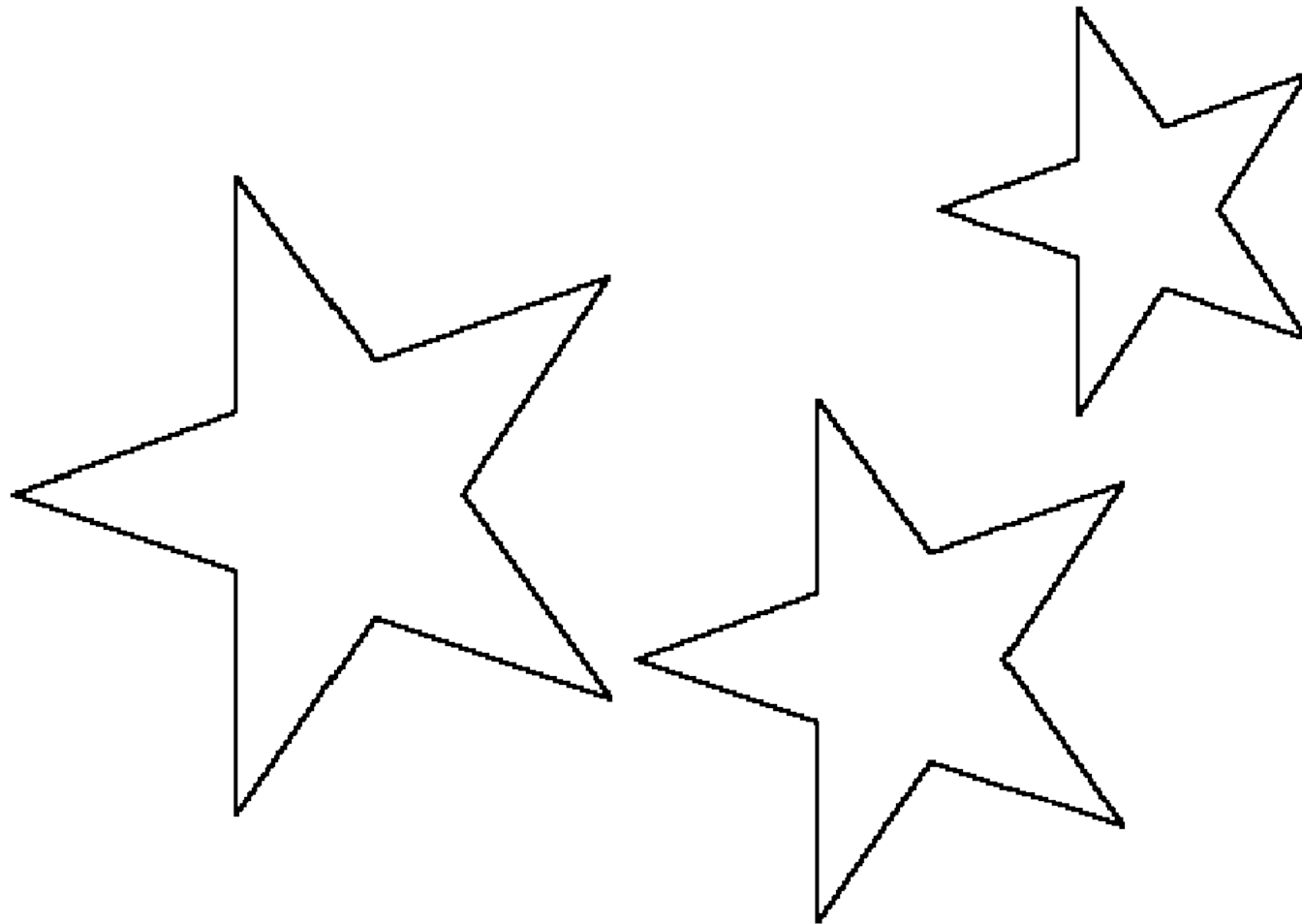
Candy Cane and Primitive Heart



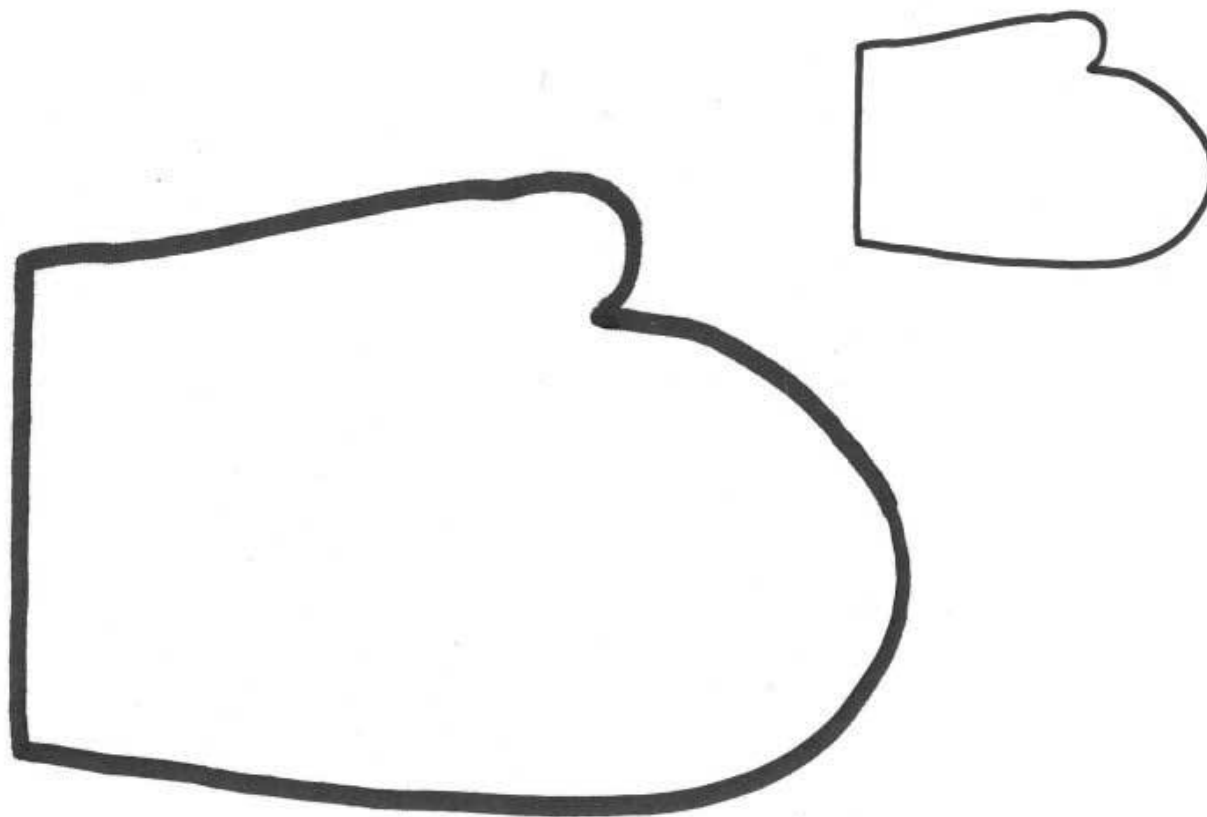
Heart Shapes.



Star Shapes



Mitten Shapes



Snow Covered Bulb



This was a project I did many years back but I have saved them because they look real good on the tree.

You can get a jar of Snow from the craft store and all you do is brush it on the item you wish to cover. The white snow looks great on the red or cranberry bulbs.

I placed the bulb on the top of a foam cup if my memory serves me right and brushed the snow on the top.

Beaded Straw Hats



This is another very easy Christmas ornament.

Just pick up some beads, wire, and straw hats. String your beads onto the wire and wrap around the straw hat. These look great on the tree or your Gourd snowman.

Mom and me made these a couple of years back and I wished I would have picked up more of the straw hats, I love the look on the tree.



Ribbon Garland



This is a good way to use up some of your scrap material and it gives your tree a primitive look. The ribbon is put on the string of lights so also hides the cord.

Use several different pieces of material and tear into strips about 2 inches wide and then cut them into 6 inch pieces.

When you have lots of pieces cut, then start tying them onto the light cord. I just leave them on the cord after Christmas and you are ready to put on tree the next year.

You could do the same thing with ribbon.

Santa Gourd



This is a little more difficult and you need a gourd to make him. So please plant some and have some fun with gourds. The snowman with the straw hat is also a gourd.

I first taped off the area for the face and spray painted the rest a country red. Then I used acrylic flesh paint for Santa's face and added a darker flesh color for his cheeks and nose.

Then I used some white for his beard and kept working it out on the sides over the red of his hat. An easier way I think would be to use Cotton balls for his beard and the white around the top of his face.

Lastly I used black to color in his eyes which I drew on with a pencil. Add the swirls and you have a hand painted Santa Claus

Gourd Snowman



Get some little gourds and make
Some neat snowmen.

I spray painted these white and
added baby socks for his hat.

Next embellish with stickers, buttons,
Or I have used earrings before.

Just have fun when you do them.



Another way you could do these snowman are with styrofoam
balls of two different sizes. Put two balls together with a
toothpick and some glue.

Finish off just like with the gourd. Simple and they look great
on a tree and make some neat stocking stuffers.

Crafty Gardeners 1st Christmas Crafts



Hope you have enjoyed some of the
crafts here.