

21 Ideas for Holiday Décor and Gifts to Cut!

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1. Use Christmas themed paper-piecing files as ornaments on your Christmas Tree by adding a hole for ribbon or hook at the top.
2. Make holiday plaques by decoupage paper piecings onto wooden blocks.
3. Cut fabric for appliqués on Christmas Stockings, Christmas Tree Skirts, towels, flags, and banners.
4. Cut [vinyl](#) in Holiday shapes for adorning your windows and walls.
5. Make a holiday wreath with leaf shapes adhered to a wreath base.
6. Adorn wrapped packages and gift bags with cute cut-outs that double as ornaments.
7. Cut [vinyl](#) in Holiday sayings like song lyrics and well wishes and apply to walls or even your front door!
8. Create one-of-a-kind garlands by stringing stars, trees, snowflakes, holly leaves, colored circles and squares together. String a little popped corn along with the shapes for a traditional feel.
9. Cut boxes from holiday printed cardstock or [Petallics Papers](#) (in Copper Ore, Gold Ore, and Silver Ore colors) and fill with candy for party favors and gifts for friends, schoolmates, and co-workers.
10. Make party favors by creating photo frames adorned with holiday shapes, take a picture of each holiday party guest, print on a photo printer, and assemble before the guests leave for home.
11. Apply [vinyl](#) lettering in holiday phrases to painted wooden plaques.
12. Remember those garlands you'd make as a kid of strings of gingerbread men and snowflakes, why not cut them on your cutter in segments, then glue them together?
13. Cut large letters to spell out words like "Believe" "Snow" "Peace" etc. Cut several copies from [chipboard](#) and layer them on top of each other, then top with a printed or solid cardstock, to simulate the expensive wooden word signs found in high end stores.
14. Make a Advent Banner by hot gluing holiday shapes and wrapped candy on a long piece of wide ribbon with one piece for each day. Make one for each family member!
15. Make your own holiday T-Shirts using [Flocked or Vinyl T-Shirt Transfer](#).
16. Make your own boxes to hold gift cards, or decorate blank ones you find in a craft store.
17. Create a holiday mini-album, family recipe cookbook, or calendar and bind it yourself with the [Bind-It-All](#).
18. Make a "Cookies for Santa" plate using cut [vinyl](#) and a clear or plain glass plate.
19. Using the stained glass technique Michelle demonstrated in last month's [Paperthreads Newsletter](#), make stained glass decorations for your windows.
20. Using the metal cutting and punching technique (for the KNK) Chris demonstrated in last month's [Paperthreads Newsletter](#), make cool punched metal ornaments and decorations.
21. After making all those projects, here's a quick way to use up scraps of holiday printed and solid paper that echoes back to when we were kids! Make as countdown to Christmas and let your kids tear off or add one loop for each day until Christmas.

Paper Loop Garland

1. Create a rectangle in your cutting software. I used 1.5"x7.5", but you could use any size that fits your paper scraps.
2. Cut out as many rectangles as the paper you have will allow.
3. Form one strip into a circle and staple shut.
4. Form another strip into a circle looping through the first and staple shut.
5. Repeat until all paper strips are used up!

