

RED RIBBON CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACK



Christmas Craft Pack

Have some festive fun and help raise funds for the Church of Scotland HIV Programme.

These crafts are an opportunity for you to reuse and recycle what you already have in your cupboards, making them both budget and eco-friendly. Perfect for Sunday Schools, Guilds or why not host a Christmas Craft party?

While this resource is free and we hope you have fun using it, it is designed to raise awareness about the projects that the Church of Scotland HIV Programme supports. While using this pack we would encourage you to use this opportunity to collect donations for the ongoing work of the Church of Scotland HIV Programme.

Craft ideas included in this pack:

- Christmas wreath
- Festive gingerbread cookies
- Handcrafted decorations
- Home-made hot chocolate gift kits

Things included in this pack:

- Craft instructions with templates
- Poster and invitation to your craft event
- Promo sign for photos
- Info tag to go with crafts
- Details on how to donate with a sign to put by a donation bucket
- Links for further information about the Church of Scotland HIV Programme and World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness¹.



¹ <https://www.worldaidsday.org/about/>

Preparation

- Think about a suitable event. Would your Sunday school like to use it? Are you part of a community group that would like to have a festive craft session? Is there a time when you could host a craft evening for your friends? Why not use this opportunity to invite friends who aren't usually involved in church?
- Use the poster and invitation to advertise your craft event.
- As much as possible we want these crafts to be eco and budget friendly which means they're a great opportunity to reuse and recycle items that you already have. This means forward planning might be helpful. In the run up to doing these crafts you might want to start collecting/saving:
 - Old materials
 - Jam jars
 - Bits of string, twine or ribbon
 - Little trinkets you could use for decorating your crafts
 - Wire coat hangers (why not ask your local dry cleaners if they have spare ones)
 - Pine cones
- Print off and cut out the templates, little tags, promo sign and the donation card. If you're having trouble printing, please get in touch and we can post you a copy.
- Contact us for red ribbons to use in your crafts and ask us for Gift Aid envelopes. Email **wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk**

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If you'd like to bring along a small donation we will be raising funds for The Church of Scotland HIV Programme which supports 17 projects in 13 countries.

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Christmas Wreath

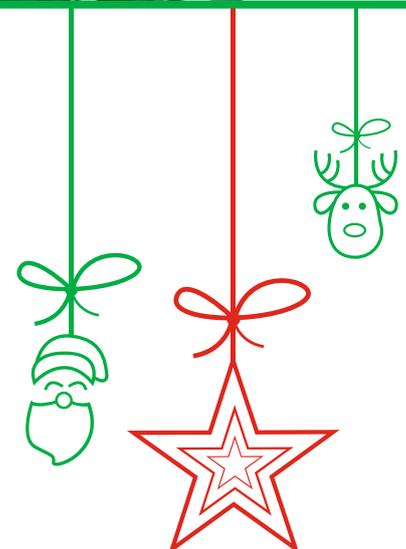
What you will need:

- An old wire coat hanger from your wardrobe
- Greenery, pine cones – go foraging around your local area and see what you can find
- Contact us and we will send you some red HIV ribbons to include as decorations
- Extra decorations - have a look round the house for little trinkets you could use
- Floral wire (available from florists for pence) or twine, or garden wire.



Instructions:

1. Bend hanger into circle – either leave the loop for easy hanging, or cut this off
2. Position the greenery around the wire and secure with florist wire/twine
3. Add decorations such as HIV ribbons, baubles, pine cones etc and secure with glue.
4. Hang up and admire!



Festive Gingerbread Cookies

(we would encourage you to use Fairtrade ingredients where possible)

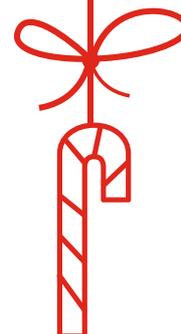
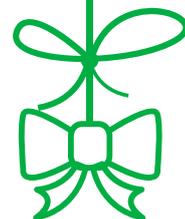
What you will need:

- 350g plain flour
- 100g butter
- 5 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- 175g light brown soft sugar
- 4 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1 medium egg



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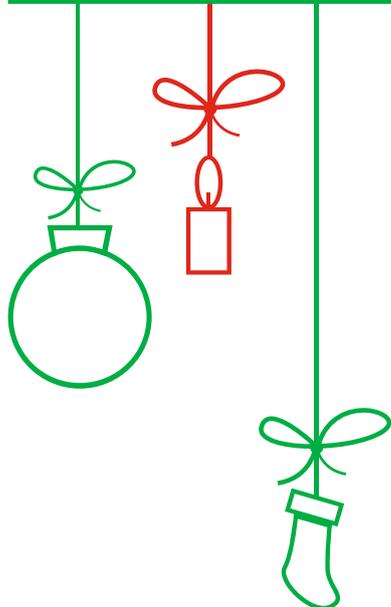
- 1.** Put the flour, butter, ginger, cinnamon and bicarbonate of soda in a mixing bowl. Mix it all together with fingertips until crumbly.
- 2.** Add the sugar, syrup and egg and mix until it forms a firm mix. Ideally, chill the dough in the fridge for half an hour.
- 3.** Using a rolling pin, roll out the cookie dough on floured surface to about 1/2cm thick. Use Christmas cutters to cut out shapes.
- 4.** Place the cookie shapes on a greased baking tray.
- 5.** Bake in a preheated oven at 180C until golden, about 12 minutes. Check after 10 minutes.
- 6.** Leave to cool on baking tray for a few minutes, then place on wire rack
- 7.** When completely cool, decorate the cookies as you like. How about doing red ribbon icing for the HIV Programme?
- 8.** Enjoy!



Handcrafted decorations

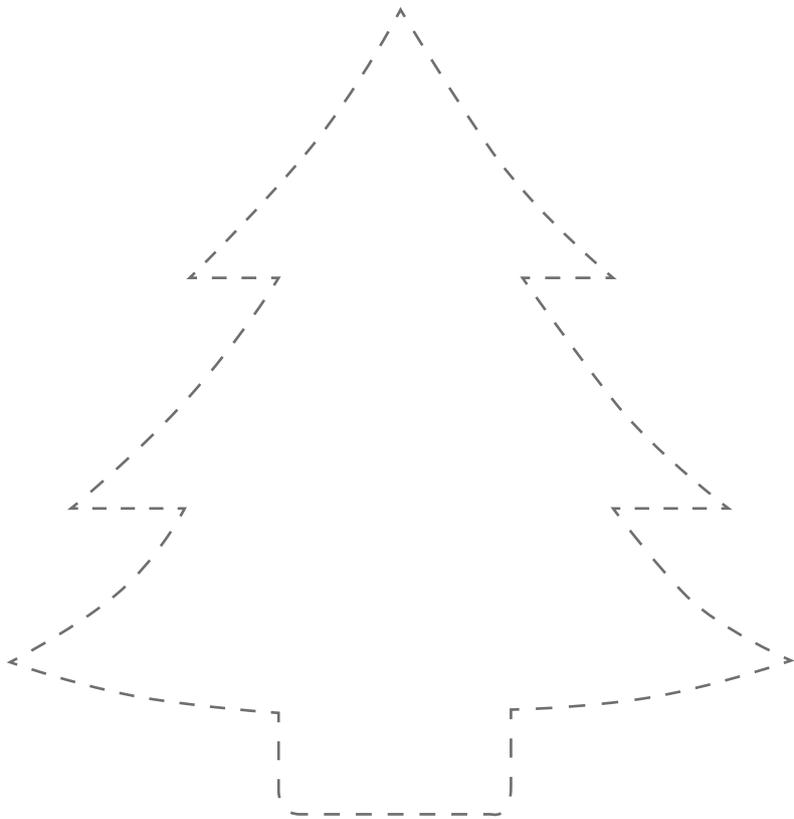
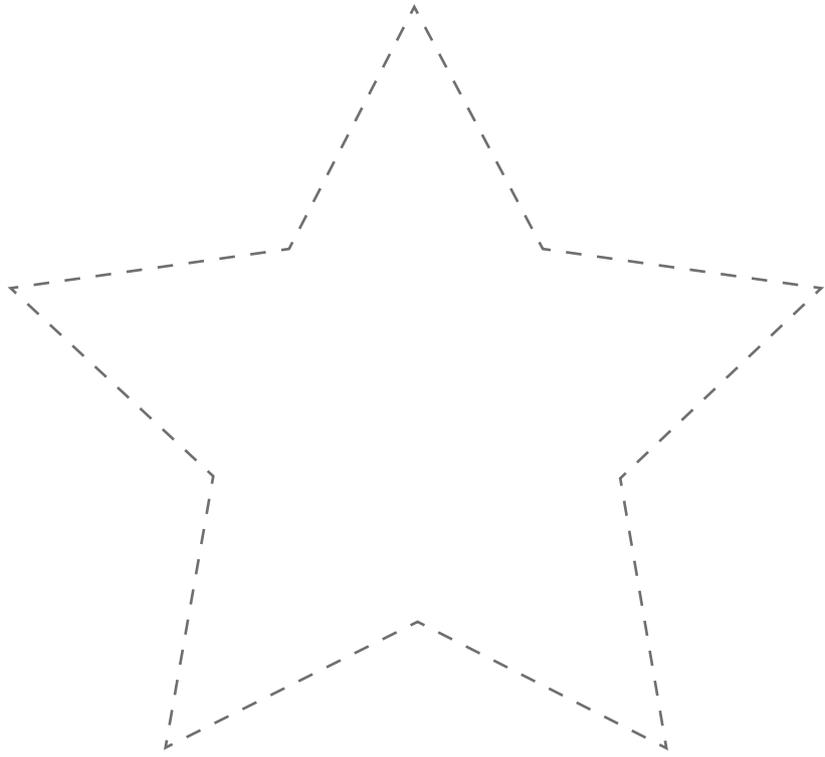
What you will need:

- Material – do you have any in the house, old clothes, pillowcases, felt from a previous project?
- Wadding – either leftover material, or cotton wool balls
- Sewing thread and needle or strong glue
- String, thread or twine.



Instructions:

1. Cut out the templates
2. Attach them to the material you're using
3. Cut out the shapes twice in fabric
4. Sew or glue the edges leaving a small gap
5. Stuff with extra material or wadding
6. Add thread or twine in a loop and sew/glue the gap



Homemade Hot Chocolate Gift kits

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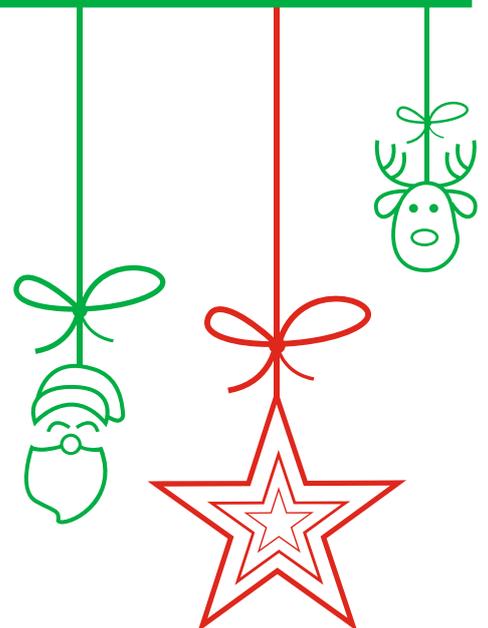
(we would encourage you to use Fairtrade ingredients where possible)

- Empty jars
- 4 squares plain chocolate (per small jar)
- 2 tbsp demerara sugar (per small jar)
- 3 tbsp cocoa powder (per small jar)
- Mini marshmallows
- Ribbons
- Fabric
- Instructions



Instructions:

1. Sterilise jars with boiling water and dry completely
2. Layer the jars – Grate plain chocolate and spoon into the jar.
3. Layer with demerara sugar, then cocoa (if your jars are bigger, scale up the amounts)
4. Top with the mini marshmallows and close the lid.
5. Cut out a large circle of fabric, and close with the decorative ribbons/string
6. Add tag stating the instructions (see next page)





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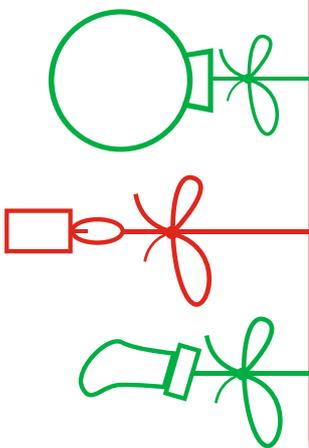
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Print this off and if you're taking pictures, include it. Send photos— ensuring you have everyone's consent for publication— to wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk and share what you're been up to. Or why not share on social media?



WE'RE SUPPORTING THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HIV PROGRAMME



Print these tags and attach them to the crafts to share about the Church of Scotland HIV Programme.

Merry Christmas!

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Positive Help, Edinburgh

This is a small Edinburgh-based charity, offering practical help to people infected and affected by HIV. Our grant supports their volunteer transport programme, and will include recruitment and training of volunteers. They're celebrating their 30th birthday this year.

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United Church of Zambia, Mwandi Mission AIDS Relief, Zambia

More than 1500 people are accessing ART from the Mission. With the funding, they are able to supplement clients' diets with necessary protein and reduce the number of chronically malnourished children.

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Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) – Silanga Parish OVC and Guardians Programme, Kenya

This project runs education sessions on economic empowerment, and operates a small micro-credit scheme. They also hope to open a Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre, and train 150 HIV peer educators.

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The High Council of the Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Egypt, Synod of the Nile, Council of Services and Development, Egypt

This project reaches out to the community through the local church and Christian NGOs, to raise awareness of blood transmitted diseases and to educate and change negative attitudes and stigma against Hepatitis C, HIV and AIDS.

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Church of Christ in Thailand - Sangklaburi Pakh 16 Community Project, Thailand

The aim of this project is to provide emotional, physical, economic, medical and psycho-social support to people infected and affected by HIV; it also provides education about HIV, particularly to vulnerable migrant border communities.

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AMITY Foundation, China

This project involves setting up micro-funding to help families in the Longchuan Province build up self-confidence and health, and reduce stigma.

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United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI), Policy Framework for a Strategic HIV Intervention & Response by Religious Groups

This Project will train members of the church with the knowledge, skills and awareness of the critical attitude and response to the issues of HIV and AIDS, underpinned by positive values, healthy living and affirming respect for all.

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Waverley Care, HIV Volunteer Peer Mentoring Project, Edinburgh

The programme delivers peer led mentors who are trained to give one to one support, through providing positive experiences for those living with HIV. They also address social isolation, building resilient communities and provide a safe space where participants can share their experiences.

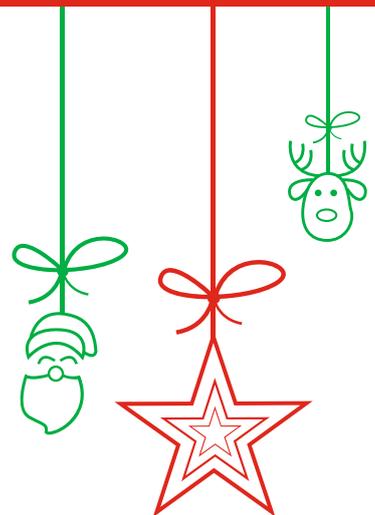
Donations

During your event we encourage you to have a donation box to help raise fund for the Church of Scotland HIV Programme. Print the 'Donations welcome' tent card, fold and put it by a box or bucket for collections.

Please use the remittance form to send a donation.

Donations welcome!

Thank-you for supporting
the Church of Scotland
HIV Programme.



**HIV Programme
Christmas Crafts 2019
Donation Remittance Form
Scottish Charity Number:SC011353**

Please send your donation and this form to:

The Church of Scotland HIV Programme,
121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN,

with cheques being made payable to the Church of Scotland HIV Programme or paid directly by BACS transfer to:

'Church of Scotland No. 1 Account'
Sort Code: 83-06-08
Account Number: 00134859
With reference 'HIV Christmas Crafts 2019'.

We will be able to reclaim Gift Aid on donations; so please enclose with your remittance, any Gift Aid declarations (which must have details of the person's name, their signature, address, postcode, and the amount donated).

Church name:

Presbytery:

Date on which your craft event was held:

Amount raised: Paid by cheque Paid by BACS

No. of Gift Aid envelopes returned Total of Gift Aid donations

Person to whom receipt/acknowledgement should be sent:

Name:

E-mail:

Address:

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Post code: Tel:

I am happy for the Church of Scotland, World Mission Council to securely store the details provided solely for the purpose of the administration of Christmas Crafts 2019 and that this information will be confidentially shredded no more than one year after.

THANK YOU