

Making a simple set of shelves and a Santa out of beads

This little project is a set of shelves that can fit into any scenario, not just Christmas.

Made simply from tongue depressors, a spot of glue and a jig to hold things square and there you have it.

You will need: 4 tongue depressors 24mm wide. A small saw or sharp blade. Tacky glue. Paint of your choice.

Prepare: Cut 2 sides from 2 depressors, utilizing the curved end, 9 cm long.

Cut the back out of another depressor, 10 cm

long.

Cut 4 shelves 2 cm deep with the width being the width of the depressor.

Using a jig to keep things square, glue the sides to the back. When dry, glue the shelves in place with the bottom one flush with the floor. If you want you



can cut an extra shelf and use this under the bottom shelf as a base giving a bit more weight to the bottom. Or glue the bottom shelf up from the bottom edges of sides.

Finish: When all the glue is dry, paint with colour of your choice.

Extremely simple. You just needed the inspiration, right?



The Snowman: Glue two different size pearls onto a pin. Paint a small eyelet black. Glue a black sequin on the top. Cut the pin back to size and glue the hat on. Using three circles from a hole punch, glued together, as a base on top of a square nut. Alternatively you can just glue the bottom bead onto a button. I found the nut kept everything from falling over.

Use a fine paint brush to add the eyes, nose and button.

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