Mkeka (Kwanzaa Mat)

Supplies:

1 piece of black construction paper 1 piece of green construction paper 1 piece of red construction paper Scissors (not included in kit)

Glue stick or stapler (not included in kit)

Instructions:

- 1. Fold the black construction paper in half so the short edges meet.
- 2. Cut from the folded edge to within 1 inch of the opposite side. Make about seven cuts about 1-inch apart. Unfold the paper.
- 3. Cut 1-inch wide strips from the red and green paper, cutting from long edge to long edge of the sheet.
- 4. Weave strips over and under the cuts in the black paper, alternating red and green strips.
- 5. Glue or staple the strips in place along the edge of the frame. Trim the strips if necessary.

Dreidel

Supplies:

Cardstock Dreidel template

Craft stick

Scissors (not included in kit)

Glue stick (not included in kit)

Instructions:

- 1. Color dreidel.
- 2. Cut out the dreidel.
- 3. Fold along the inside lines and form a top shape.
- 4. Glue the flaps into place.
- 5. Stick a craft stick through the circle at the top.
- 6. Have fun playing using the provided directions.



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Wreath Greeting Card

Supplies:

pom poms to create the circle wreath
Piece of ribbon
Half sheet of cardstock
Markers/crayons to decorate (not included in kit)
Glue dots or Glue

Instructions:

- 1. Fold the cardstock in half.
- 2. Lay out your wreath pattern on the front of the card then use glue dots to secure.
- 3. Tie ribbon into a bow and secure with a glue dot.
- 4. Use markers to decorate your card.



Tea Light Snowman

Supplies:

LED white tea light Ribbon White card stock circles Brown construction paper 2 small pom poms

Half pipe cleaner (same color as 2 pom poms)

Glue dots/glue

Black marker (not included)

Instructions:

- 1. Take the smallest circle, black outline facing up, place the circle so the bulb on the tea light pokes through this is the nose of your snowman.
- 2. Take the medium circle and add a glue dot to the back (side without the black outline) then secure to the center of the big circle. Make sure the holes are lined up.
- 3. Make a "V" shape with your ribbon and secure to the top of the underside of the tealight. It should be opposite of the switch.
- 4. Take the brown construction paper and cut out arms for your snowman. Use glue dots to secure on the edges of the middle circle.
- 5. Add a glue dot to each side of the underside of the tea light. Put the tea light on top of the middle size circle, making sure to line up the on/off switch with the holes on the circles.
- 6. Use a marker to make dots for eyes and mouth on the smallest circle, making sure the switch on the back of the tealight is directly behind the mouth.
- 7. Take pipe cleaner and fit it to the top of the tea light above the eyes. This will be the band of the snowman's earmuffs. Add a glue dot to each end of the pipe cleaner and secure to the tea light.
- 8. Take the 2 pom poms and add a glue dot to each. Secure to ends of pipe cleaners to complete earmuffs.
- 9. Hang up and turn on the light.

Clothespin Reindeer

Supplies:

Clothespin
12 inch piece of ribbon for reindeer scarf
Small red pom pom
2 googly eyes
1 brown pipe cleaner
half pipe cleaner, to hang ornament
Glue dots/glue

Black marker (not included)

Instructions:

- 1. Use a black marker or gel pen to draw a line down the center of the clothespin from just below the spring to the bottom of the clothespin. Then make a line across the bottom with your marker. This will be the the reindeer's hooves.
- 2. Bend the brown pipe cleaner in half to create a "V" shape.
- 3. Roll each end of the pipe cleaner around a marker or your finger to create two and a half spirals.
- 4. Pull the spirals to stretch them out a little bit, then pinch the bottom of the pipe cleaner "V"shape together. This will finish your reindeer's antlers.
- 5. Take the other pipe cleaner and twist the ends together to create a loop, this will be used to hang your ornament.
- 6. Place a glue dot on the bottom back of the pipe cleaner antlers and add the loop.
- 7. Pinch open the clothespin and add a few glue dots on each side and add in your antlers and loop.
- 8. Using glue dots attach the googly eyes and red nose.
- 9. Wrap the ribbon around the clothespin, a little bit under his nose, 2 times. Tie a double knot on the side of the clothespin and trim off any extra if it is too long.

