

## Christmas Ideas II

### Christmas Card Templates

#### *Christmas Trees*

You need: A blank card, a Christmas tree template, red and green paper (or card), Red and gold glitter, Glue

Cut out a Christmas tree template for everyone to use and have every one make one red tree and two green trees. Decorate the trees with glitter and leave to dry. Next, glue the trees in a straight line down the front of the card. Cut around the right hand side of the trees on the front of the card.

You can use any shapes and any colour of paper and glitter to make your cards.



#### *Fabric Edged Cards*

You Need: A card blank, glue, Christmassy patterned fabric, stickers or die-cut shapes (or any other decoration you like), patterned edged scissors (such as pinking shears)

Cut a fancy edge on to your fabric. Glue the fabric to the card so it is on the folded edge side and the patterned edge sits in the middle of the card. Trim around the edge of the card to remove any excess fabric. Decorate the outside edge of the card with stickers or pre-cut shapes or any other decoration you like.



#### *Stripy Christmas Card*

You Need: Scraps of different coloured paper, card blank, glue stick

Cut your strips of paper to length and arrange on the card blank until you are happy with the design. Add a small rectangle in contrasting colour for the base. Now glue each strip down, starting from the top, and keeping your fingers as clean as possible. You might want to cover the card with a clean sheet of paper before pressing the strips down carefully.

#### *Stained Glass Windows*

You Need: Stiff clear plastic pieces, card blank, PVA glue, permanent markers, food colouring, small paint brushes and toothpicks

On one side of the plastic, draw or trace a Christmas scene using one of the permanent markers. Mix the food colouring with the PVA glue in some different pots. Use small paint brushes and toothpicks to paint on the plastic on the opposite side to the permanent markings. When the 'paint' dries clear, you have a stained glass ornament that can be mounted on your card blank.

This idea can also be used to paint glass jars.

## **Cooking**

### ***Easy Christmas Puddings***

You Need: Arnotts Chocolate Royal biscuits, icing sugar, mint leaves, Jaffas

Prepare some icing. Each Chocolate Royal biscuit needs two mint leaves and one Jaffa. Smear some icing across the top of the Chocolate Royal. Place the holly (Jaffa) and mint leaves on one side. Let the icing set.

### ***Christmas Pudding Pops***

You Need: 1 traditional Christmas pudding (or leftovers), ice cream sticks or skewers, white or milk cooking chocolate, toasted shredded coconut.

Line a tray with baking paper. Take a tablespoon of pudding and roll into balls (Note: The pudding will be easier to roll if it is warm. Place it in the microwave for a minute). Place the balls onto the tray and insert an ice cream stick or skewer into each one. In a glass bowl, heat the chocolate for 30 second intervals in the microwave, stirring constantly until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Next, dip each of the balls into the chocolate to coat and then cover in the shredded coconut. Leave to cool or place in fridge until chocolate hardens.

### ***Christmas Chocolate Spoons***

You Need: Plastic spoons, Ziplock bags, Christmas style ribbon, white chocolate, milk chocolate, cashews, Hundreds & Thousands, cachous (those shiny little balls)



Lay the spoons out on a tray that you have covered with baking paper. Prop the end of the spoons up so that they are level. In a glass bowl, heat the white chocolate for 30 second intervals in the microwave, stirring constantly until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Pour the melted chocolate into a ziplock bag.

Repeat with the milk chocolate. Next, snip a small corner of the ziplock bags and fill half of the spoons with white chocolate & the other half with milk chocolate. Tap each spoon so that the chocolate levels out in the spoon. Next, pour more chocolate into a fresh ziplock bag, cut a very small corner off, and pipe designs onto your chocolate spoons. White chocolate on milk chocolate and vice versa. Finally, decorate with cashews, hundreds & thousands, Cachous and tie some ribbon to each spoon. Place tray into refrigerator to set.

### ***Mars Bar Crackles***

You Need: 2 x 12 cup mini muffin trays, 3 x 200gm Mars Bars (chopped), 2 x tablespoons of pouring cream, 2 x teaspoons cocoa powder, 3 x cups Rice Bubbles, 1 x cup dried fruit (optional), canola spray, white chocolate, Smarties or M&Ms, ziplock bags.

Spray the canola spray into the mini muffin trays. Melt the Mars bars, cream & cocoa powder in a glass bowl over simmering water (the bowl should not touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth. Put the rice bubbles and dried fruit in a separate large bowl, pour in the chocolate mixture and stir until well combined. Spoon the mixture into the muffin trays and press down gently.

Refrigerate for 2 hours and turn out of the trays to decorate. Melt the chocolate (as above), put into the ziplock bags and cut off a very small corner. Turn the crackles upside down and pipe the chocolate on and finish with a red Smartie or M&M on each one.

### ***Cupcakes or Gingerbread People***

Baking sections of supermarkets have a large range of toppings for cupcakes, including letters, icing flowers, lots of different coloured sprinkles, Cachous (those shiny balls), 100s and 1000s, and coloured icing. Let the Cubs use their own imagination to decorate.

## **Christmas Jokes**

Q. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

A. Claustrophobic.

Q. Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

A. So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q. Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

A. Because he had low elf esteem.

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A. Frostbite.

Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A. Ice Crispies.

Q. What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?

A. Ribbon hood.

There was once a great Czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red. He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, "Look my dear, it has begun to rain!" Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, "It's too cold to rain. It must be sleeting." The Czar shook his head and said, "I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.

Q. What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?

A. A Christmas Quacker.

Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?

A. Santa Pause!

Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?

A. In a snow bank.

Q. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?

A. Because of all the wrapping!

Did you know that according to the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive. You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. You know, "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer. Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee." The proof is in the song!

-Knock knock  
\*Who's there?  
-Mary!  
\*Mary who?  
-Merry Christmas

Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Chris!  
Chris who?  
Christmas!!!!

Q: What do you call Frosty the Snowman in May?  
A: A puddle!

Q: Where do reindeer go to dance?  
A: Christmas balls!

Q: If Frosty the Snowman married a vampire, what  
would they name their child?  
A: Frostbite!!

Q: Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?  
A: A mince spy!

An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus  
were talking when they all noticed a \$5 bill on the  
floor. Who picked it up?  
Santa of course, the other two don't exist!

It's a romantic full moon, when Pedro said, "Hey,  
mamacita, let's do Weeweechu."  
Oh no, not now, let's look at the moon!" said Rosita.  
Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and I do Weeweechu. I love  
you and it's the perfect time," Pedro begged.  
"But I wanna just hold your hand and watch the  
moon." replied Rosita.  
Please, corazoncito, just once, do Weeweechu with  
me."  
Rosita looked at Pedro and said, "OK, one time, we'll  
do Weeweechu."  
Pedro grabbed his guitar and they both sang.....  
"Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry  
Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, and a  
Happy New Year."

## Story

### *The Night Before Christmas*

by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the  
house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by  
name;  
"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! On Cupid! On, Donder and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."



## Santa Names

Afrikaans -	Kersfees Vader
Austria -	Weihnachtsmann, Nikolaus
Belgium and the Netherlands -	Black Pete, Christkind, Noel and Saint Nicholas
Brazil -	Papai Noel
China -	Che Dun Lao Ren
Denmark -	Julemanden
England -	Father Christmas
Estonian -	Jouluvana
Finland -	Joulupukki, Old Man Christmas
France -	Pere Noel or le Petit
Germany -	Weihnachtsmann, Nikolaus
Holland -	Kerstman
Iceland -	Jolasveinn
Italy -	Babbo Natale
Japan -	Santa Kurousu
Lithuania -	Kaledu Senu
Mexico -	San Nicolás, Santa
Norway -	Julenissen
Poland -	Star Man or Wise Men
Russia -	Grandfather Frost (Ded Moroz), Dedushka Moroz
Serbo-Croatian -	Bozic Bata. Sveti Nickola
Spain -	Three Kings
Sweden -	Jultomten
Switzerland -	Saint Nicholas, Samichlaus or Saminäggi

## Merry Christmas in Other Languages

Afrikaans -	"Geseënde Kersfees en 'n Voorspoedige Nuwe Jaar."
Arabic -	"I'd Miilad Said Oua Sana Said"
Argentine -	"Felices Pasquas Y felices ano Nuevo"
Armenian -	"Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Pari Gaghand"
Basque -	"Eguberri on"
Bohemian -	"Vesele Vanoce"
Breton -	"Nedeleg laouen na bloavezh mat"
Bulgarian -	"Tchestita Koleda; Tchestito Rojdestvo Hristovo"
Chinese - [Mandarin] -	"Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan"
Chinese - [Cantonese] -	"Saint Dan Fai Lok"
Cornish -	"Nadelik looan na looan blethen noweth"
Croatian -	"Sretan Bozic i Nova Godina" (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year)
Czech -	"Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny Novy Rok"
Danish -	"Glædelig Jul"
Dutch -	"Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar"
Inupiaq Eskimo	Quvianagli Anaiyyuniqpaligsi sulì Nakuuluni Ukiutqutiqsi-

	(Merry Christmas) (and) (Happy New Year)
English -	"Merry Christmas"
Estonian -	"Haid joule ja head uut aastat"
Farsi -	"Cristmas-e-shoma mobarak bashad"
Filipino-	"Maligayang Pasko"
	Happy New Year - "Manigong Bagong Taon"
Finnish -	"Hyvaa joulua"
French -	"Joyeux Noël"
German -	"Froehliche Weihnachten"
Greek -	"Kala Christouyenna"
Hawaiian -	"Mele Kalikimaka"
Hebrew -	"Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova"
Hindi -	"Shub Naya Baras"
Hungarian -	"Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket"
Icelandic -	"Gledileg Jol"
Indonesian -	"Selamat Hari Natal"
Iraqi -	"Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah"
Irish -	"Nollaig Shona Dhuit"
Italian -	"Buone Feste Natalizie"
Japanese -	" Shinnen omedeto, kurisumasu omedeto. The first part is translated "Happy New Year. Kurisumasu omedeto means Merry Christmas. Japanese people generally add the expression gozaimasu to indicate humility.
Korean -	"Sung Tan Chuk Ha"
Latvian -	"Prieci'gus Ziemsve'tkus un Laimi'gu Jauno Gadu"
Lithuanian -	"Linksmu Kaledu"
Navajo -	"Merry Keshmish"
Norwegian -	"God Jul"
Polish -	"Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia"
Portuguese -	"Feliz Natal" "Boas Festas"(Good Holidays.)
Romanian -	"Craciun fericit" (Merry Christmas), "Sarbatori Fericite" (Happy Holidays) Thanks Julia!
Russian -	"Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva s Novim Godom"
Serbian -	"Hristos se rodi"
Slovakian -	"Sretan Bozic or Vesele vianoce"
Samoan -	"La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou"
Scots Gaelic -	"Nollaig chridheil huibh"
Serb-Croatian -	"Sretam Bozic. Vesela Nova Godina"
Slovak -	"Vesele Vianoce. A stastlivy Novy Rok"
Slovene -	"Vesele Bozicne. Screcno Novo Leto"
Spanish -	"Feliz Navidad"
Swedish -	"God Jul and (Och) Ett Gott Nytt År"
Tahitian -	Merry Chrismas : " la orana te Noera" and Happy new year is "la orana i te mata iti api"
Thai -	"Sawadee Pee Mai"
Turkish -	"Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun"
Ukrainian -	"Z Rizdvom Khrystovym !" - "Merry Christmas"



" Z Novym Rokom !" - "Happy New Year"

"Z Rizdvom Khrystovym i Novym Rokom !" - both greetings together.

Vietnamese - "Chuc Mung Giang Sinh"

Welsh - "Nadolig Llawen"

Yugoslavian - "Cestitamo Bozic"

## Christmas Trivia

Q1 In the Carol, 12 Days of Christmas, what was the present on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day?

A2 *9 Ladies Dancing*

Q2 Who recorded the song "White Christmas" in 1942?

A2 *Bing Crosby*

Q3 In the German Christmas Carol "O Tannenbaum", what is a Tannenbaum?

A3 *A Christmas Tree (or a Fir Tree)*

Q4 Complete the following list of Santa's 8 reindeer; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen, Comet, ?, ?, and Blitzen

A4 *Cupid & Donner (also known as Donder)*

Q5 In the 1944 film, "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street", what was the name of the Department Store where Kris Kringle worked?

a) **Macy's**

b) Gimbel's

c) Coles

Q6 In the Novella "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, who is the first ghost to visit with Ebenezer Scrooge?

A6 *His dead partner Jacob Marley*

Q7 With what shall we "Deck the Halls"?

A7 *Boughs of Holly*

Q8 In the Dr Seuss Book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", what was the name of the Grinch's dog?

a) **Max**

b) Rover

c) The Dog was not named

Q9 We now know that Santa traditionally wears a red suit, however in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century in England & Holland, he was known to wear what colour Jacket?

A9 *Green*

Q10 If you were born on Christmas day, what is your star sign?

A10 *Capricorn*