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Vintage striped ribbon on spool (spool not shown), \$45, Love, Loans + Linen. 'Peace' dove text bowl, \$26.40 (US\$26), tiny dove decoration, \$38.60 (US\$38)/set of 6, both Paloma's Nest. Albert chocolate gold coins, \$2.25/bag, David Jones. Present in 'Safari' ribbon in Flame, from \$1/metre, Vadoros Fine Packaging. 'Merry Christmas' letterpress gift tag, \$2.50, Papier D'Amour. 'Kraft' paper, \$3.99/15m roll, Officeworks. Riviera Maison 'Driftwood' French provincial side coffee table (as background), \$1550, French Dressing. Stockists, page 227



Christmas wishes

Hark back to childhood memories and time-honoured traditions. Handmade cards and decorations created with love make for a truly magical Christmas

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MAKE IT yourself

Top left: Add a personal touch with ceramic decorations
YOU WILL NEED: White air-dry clay, \$14.95/kg, Spotlight. Letter stamps, seek similar from Kikki-K. **Cookie cutters,** \$3.95 each, Wheel & Barrow. 'Safari' 10mm ribbon in Lagoon, from \$1/metre, Vandoros Fine Packaging.

HOW TO DO IT: Roll out the clay onto a sheet of baking paper. Using a cookie cutter, cut out your desired shapes. Use letter stamps to press a name or message into each shape. Use a bamboo skewer to make a hole wide enough to thread a length of ribbon. Allow to dry for 24 hours. Smooth any rough edges using a fine metal file and thread through ribbon to hang from tree.

Top right: Give old wallpaper scraps a festive new life as three-dimensional Christmas decorations.

HOW TO DO IT: For instructions on making your own wallpaper decorations, visit homebeautiful.com.au.

Right: Create your own shimmery decorations.

YOU WILL NEED: Giant Christmas foam shapes, \$2/set of 4, Hot Dollar. Seed beads in Metallic Silver, \$2.39/pack, Martha Stewart Craft fine glitter in White Gold, \$5, both Spotlight. 'Safari' 10mm ribbon in Flame, from \$1/metre, Vandoros Fine Packaging. Background in natural linen sheet, \$450, The Country Trader. **Stockists, page 227**
HOW TO DO IT: Paint foam shapes with craft glue and roll in glitter. Allow to dry, then attach ribbon or wire to hang.



On mantle: Wreath of ranunculus, pine, kangaroo paw, lichen branches, \$100, Flowers By Teresa. Bundle of books, \$48, Imagine This. **On tree:** For details, turn to page 227. **On sofa:** French blue stripe cushion, \$240, grain sack bolster cushion, \$198, both Imagine This. **Tricycle,** \$280, Seasonal Concepts. **On chair:** Large grain sack cushion, \$270, Imagine This. **On floor, presents from left:** 'Kraft' paper, \$3.99/15m roll, Officeworks. Cavallini & Co. 'London Tube Map' wrapping paper, \$7.50/sheet, Paper2. Catherine Martin 'Circus Stripes' in Blue wallpaper, \$206/10m roll, Porter's Paints. Ticking fabric, seek similar from No Chintz. 'Noël Bird' gift wrap, \$7/3m roll, Très Divin. Custom text tile ornament (on top of present), \$24.30* (US\$24), Paloma's Nest. Butterfly porcelain brooch, \$65.95, States of Nature. Cavallini & Co. 'World Map' wrapping paper, 'Paris Arrondissement' map wrapping paper, \$7.50/sheet, both Paper2. Other presents and ribbons, stylist's own. Samarkand 'Tweed Indigo' rug, \$3950/189cm x 270cm, Robyn Cosgrove Rugs. **Stockists, page 227**





MAKE IT *yourself*

Above: A pretty paper Christmas decoration shines on this card.
YOU WILL NEED: Red card, \$0.89/A4 sheet, Spotlight. Embroidered paper angel decoration, \$12.50/set of 2, Upon A Fold. Silver sequin, \$1.43/pack, 'Anchor' cotton thread in Red, \$1.29, both Spotlight.
HOW TO DO IT: Cut card to size, fold in half and attach a decoration with thread and a sequin.

Top right: Bring a plain card to life with a stencil and ribbon.
YOU WILL NEED: White card, \$0.89/A4 sheet, Spotlight. Xmas scrapbooking stencil, \$4, Hot Dollar. Red ink stamp pad, \$3.19, Spotlight. Ribbon, stylist's own. Herringbone ribbon in Red/White (on mantle), from \$1/metre, Vandoros Fine Packaging. UHU Craft PVA glue, \$6.99/250ml, Scotch Magic Invisible tape, \$4.98, both Officeworks.
HOW TO DO IT: Cut card to size and fold in half. Stick the stencil in place with magic tape, and press the ink stamp pad against the stencil. Allow image to dry, then tie a short ribbon into a bow and glue on top of the bauble print.

Right: 3D hanging baubles and a Christmas greeting say it all.
YOU WILL NEED: Red card, \$0.89/A4 sheet, Spotlight. Washi paper tape, \$1795/pack of 6, Upon A Fold. Multix baking paper, \$3.11/10m roll, Woolworths. 'Alphabet' adhesive labels, \$1.50/pack, Hot Dollar. Card (background), stylist's own.
HOW TO DO IT: Cut card to size and fold. For each bauble, cut 8 small circles of baking paper. Fix baubles into position with strips of coloured paper tape and machine stitch from the bottom of each bauble to the top of the card. Fan out the paper discs to form 3D baubles. Use adhesive letters to write a Christmas message.

