

Star Picture Ornament

Ornament and project instructions provided courtesy of viewer Sharon Mikesell from Tuolumne, Calif.



Materials:

festive holiday fabric remnant - smaller size print will work best

fabric glue

photo that you don't mind cutting

cardboard or poster board

scissors

archival-safe page protector - find these in the school supply or scrapbook aisles

hole punch

ribbon for hanging ornament

optional embellishments

ornament shape pattern - cookie cutters work great

1. Find a pattern you like to use as the frame ornament shape and trace it onto the board twice.
2. Cut the frame patterns from the board. Cut one on the outside of the line and the other on the inside of the line. Use the outside one for the front of the ornament and the inside one for the back. This will prevent the back from showing around the edges.
3. Cut out a opening in the front piece of the frame ornament for the photo to show through.
4. Glue both pieces of the frame ornament to the fabric.
5. Cut the fabric around the outline of the glued frame pieces, leaving 1/2 inch of allowance around all the edges including the photo cutout area.
6. Notch the fabric allowance all the way around. Put a thin outline of glue around the back of the frame board. Press the notched fabric to the outline of glue so it adheres flat.
7. Trim the photo to fit in the frame.

8. Cut the archival page protector to cover the photo and fit inside the fabric-covered frame. Glue the edges of the protector to the back of the ornament. Glue the front of the ornament to the back, leaving the top open in order to punch a hole for mounting or change the photo. If you don't plan to ever change the photo, you can seal the entire ornament by punching the hole in the back and threading the ribbon through before gluing.

9. Embellish the front of the ornament with felt cutouts or any other desired items. These ornaments are so lightweight, you can easily mail them to friends and family!