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DO-IT-YOURSELF PROJECTS TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER





It's time to celebrate! So drag out your craft supplies and enjoy spending time with your family!

These DIY projects are simple and easily managed if you have a helping hand. Plus, you'll have a beautiful product to show for it at the end! You can use these ideas for gifts or as a part of your own decorations.

The best feature of a Cook shed is that all of the features together make it a durable and dependable portable building for whatever you need it for! So, turn your shed into your work station this holiday season.



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IN THIS PACKET, YOU'LL LEARN TO CREATE:

- Simple, Affordable Hostess Gifts
- Plywood Yard Decorations
- Holiday Signs from Burning Designs Into Wood
- Santa's Workshop from your Cook Shed



HOLIDAY YARD DECORATIONS

This post is written by guest blogger, Catie. She loves coming up with ideas and dragging her family into helping her achieve them, just like this DIY project!

Part of the joys of the holiday season for me is the preparation. Brainstorming, planning and researching the best gifts, shopping with my mom and helping my parents decorate their home.

You may be wondering though, is this really a do-it-yourself project? Like most others, as long as you have some help, yes! I had never used a jigsaw before, but it wasn't nearly as difficult as I thought it would be.

The best part is no matter what design you want to make for your yard, you can use the same instructions. You could make a Santa, snowman, or even a holiday themed word like "JOY" or "NOEL." The possibilities are endless!



A few things we learned along the way:

1. Buy a couple of new jigsaw blades, you may need more than one. Keep an eye on your blade, make sure it remains tight and follow all of the safety instructions.
2. The easiest way to create the image you want is to print it out, to scale, on regular paper. Here's the templates we used: [manger and lamb](#), [Mary](#), [Joseph](#). Then, trace it onto your plywood using tracing paper.



To transfer the design, layout your design and tape it all together so each piece stays in place. Then have someone keep the design aligned as you lift it up to place your tracing paper below, in between the wood and your design. Take a pencil and draw around your design. The design will then be transferred to your wood below.

3. The easiest way we found to do sharp turns on the jigsaw is to drill a hole in the corners throughout the design. Make sure the drill bit that you use is slightly wider than the blade you're working with.

4. Once you've cut out the shapes with the jigsaw, sand down all the edges to prevent you from getting splinters and to make painting easier.

5. When you paint, be sure it's at least 60-70 degrees and you're able to place it in the sunlight to dry.
6. We started with just the 2x4 stakes, but the ground was too hard for us to drive these into it. We ended up having to buy metal fence posts that we attached them to. The picture shows how we screwed two screws into the 2x4 and then tightened a ziptie from those around the metal fence post to hold it in place.

If you decide to tackle this project, as always, wear protective eye gear and possibly even ear protection as the saw can be quite loud. Follow all the safety precautions so you can enjoy your new decorations for years to come!

[For full set of instructions and more photos, check out our blog post for this topic!](#)



DECORATIVE HOLIDAY PLATE



This can be used for Thanksgiving, Christmas or any other holiday parties you might attend!

Show your host or friends how much you appreciate them without breaking the budget! You can choose any design or template you want, but if you want to use the design shown above, [here's your free download!](#)

- Supplies:
- - Regular No. 2 Pencil
- - White Plate
- - Plate Stand
- - Paper with Design Printed or Stencil
- - Permanent Marker



Instructions:

1. Purchase a plain white plate and stand at your local discount store. Around \$2 plus taxes.



2. [Print out this design](#), or ANY design you like! You can also use stencils if you have some you already like.

3. The next couple of steps is called a graphite transfer. What you do is turn your design over and run a regular pencil over the entire design. (Pro tip: Make sure you make these pencil markings REALLY dark, otherwise when you do step 5-6, your outline will not be dark enough to see)

4. Then, align the design on your plate and tape it down.

5. Take a pen with a hard point and trace around your design. This will transfer the graphite from the pencil markings on the back of your design onto your plate. When you peel back the design you should begin to see the outline of your design on the plate.

6. Then, take a black permanent marker to outline and fill in your design as desired. Or you can use a porcelain pen [like this tutorial](#). (Pro Tip: You may want to use multiple colors but from experience, the simple black does the best. The color tends to leave streaks and can make it look more amateur.)



7. To seal the marker into the plate, cook the plate in the oven. For instructions on how to cook the design into the plate, [check out this tutorial here](#).

**Remember this plate is simply for decorative purposes. Do not eat off this plate as the permanent marker design will make the plate NOT food safe.

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CONVERT YOUR COOK SHED INTO SANTA'S WORKSHOP



*Santa's
Workshop*

Your Cook shed holds many possibilities! But, don't discount what you can do with the outside of your shed as well as the inside.

We decided to transform the outside of our shed into Santa's workshop! If you're having kids over for holiday parties, invite them to leave mail for Santa in the decorated mailbox. It will be fun for kids and parents alike.

Finished Products

- Santa's Workshop Sign
- Holiday Themed Stepping Stones
- Mailbox for Letters to Santa

Supplies (Spent approximately \$100):

- PVC Pipe - 2 in. by 5ft.
- PVC 2 in. Cap
- 16 in. Green Plastic Planter
- 50 lb Bag of Play Sand
- Blue Painters Tape
- (3) 11 in. Red Square Stones
- Red & White Exterior Latex Acrylic Satin Paint
- (1) 2-in. Brush
- (2) Crafting, Thin Brushes
- Foam Brush
- 6 x 17 in. Wood Plaque
- Paper Plastic Drop Cloth
- Self Drill Screws 1.5 in. (5 count)
- 2 Spools of Red Wired, Plastic Ribbon
- 1 Hanging Plastic Mailbox
- 2 Printables:
- Santa's Workshop
- MAIL
- Carbon or Transfer Paper
- Pencil
- Electric Drill

Santa's Workshop Sign DIY Instructions:

Striping the pole:

- Take the long pvc pipe and measure every four inches. Then, tape it off. This will make four inch red and white stripes.
- Then, paint red in between the tape. After it dries, you may need to do 3-4 more coats.
- Once finished, you can peel the tape off slowly to reveal clean painted lines.

Creating the Sign:

- You can use this technique for anything you want the sign to say. We chose "Santa's Workshop." [Find the template here!](#)
- Paint the plaque red and let dry.



- Use carbon paper to draw your design on the wood (here's our Santa's Workshop template). After your design is transferred to the wood, use your small crafting brushes to paint white inside the lines.
- Once it's dry, measure at least one inch from the left side and place a strip of blue painters tape vertically on the sign. Then, measure at least one inch from the left side and one inch from the top and make a mark. Then, at least one inch from the side and one inch from the bottom and make a mark. These marks will note where your drill hole will go.
- Use a smaller drill bit than your screw. Drill straight through the wood on the marks you made. The painter's tape will help keep the finish and wood intact.
- After you've drilled your hole, line it up on the pole where you want it. Have someone hold it in place while you drill the first screw through the drilled hole and into the pvc pipe pole. Then, do the same on the bottom of the wood sign.
- When you get the planter and sign placed where you want it outside by your shed, have someone hold the sign in place as you pour sand around it until it is secure. You may want to fill about two inches in the bottom before putting the sign in.



Holiday Themed Stepping Stones

This is such a fun project to get the whole family involved with! Make it a fun crafting afternoon by getting each family member to create their own stepping stone.

Add to the festivities with some holiday music and hot chocolate. While the stones dry, enjoy a snack and admire each others' creativity.

- Depending on the color stones you buy, use the red and white paint to decorate them however you want! You can have each person do their own design. Or you could all add your handprints to them. The possibilities are endless.

- Be sure to have each person add their name and year on the side so you'll always remember this fun day together.

- In the spring, you could always do another craft day where you create stepping stones to be used the rest of the year.

Mailbox for Letters to Santa

Whether you have a business in your shed, or it's just a storage space, you can add this fun mailbox to your door. You can even encourage your friends and family to use the mailbox to mail letters to Santa! Increase the holiday fun, by writing letters back to the kids.

- Get that transfer paper out again and trace this template onto the plastic mailbox.

- Then, paint over it with red paint. You'll need your thin crafting brush for this project.

- Add some ribbon to the mailbox to hang on the door. For an added touch, put a bow on one side of the mailbox.



[For full set of instructions and videos check out our blog post for this topic!](#)

BURNED WOOD DECORATIONS

Here's what you'll need to create this Yuletide DIY project.

- scrap wood
- magnifying glass
- sunglasses/protective eye gear
- thin scraper tool
- permanent marker
- paint of desired color
- paint brush



To start your wood burning project, decide on your design and trace this onto the wood. You could do holiday words like "Peace & Joy", or "Merry Christmas." Or you could design something holiday related, like Christmas lights, Christmas trees, or ornaments. You can print out your design and use carbon or transfer paper or you can just freehand it.

Then, on a bright sunny day, take your magnifying glass and position it where the beam of light acts as your pen, following the lines of your design. It doesn't take long and you'll begin to see a dark burn mark appear. Be sure to wear your protective eye gear as the beam is very bright and shouldn't be looked at directly. Treat it as if you were welding. Remember there is the alternative option of using the pyrography pen.

After you've burned your design into the wood once, take a thin scraper tool to scrape out the burn. You'll see it will start to create a little groove. You'll want to do this process multiple times so you can create a deeper groove around your design. The last time you burn into the wood leave the burn and go over it with a permanent marker.

After you've burned your design into your wood, you may decide to leave it as is, or you may decide you want to paint part of it. Either way, you'll have a unique piece to call your own, or to give to a friend this holiday season!

[For full set of instructions and more photos, check out our blog post for this topic!](#)

We hope you have a wonderful time with your family and friends this holiday season! A Cook shed is a great place to prepare for the holidays or even host your festive get togethers. If you're looking for extra tips for the holidays, check out these extra resources:

[-7 Simple Ways to Decorate your Home for the Holidays](#)

[-6 Creative Ways to Hide Gifts this Christmas](#)

[-Cook's Holiday Playlist](#)

[-Guide to Hosting the Holidays...in Your Shed!](#)



**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CHECKLIST
& STORAGE TIPS**

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