



PAPER BAUBLE

with a pocket for a gift

Printable template and instructions



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What you need

CHECKLIST

- Paper
- A printer and printing paper
- String for hanging (e.g. twine)
- Embroidery floss in white
- Cutting mat (or tea towel)
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Pin
- Needle
- Hole punch or eyelet/ grommet tool (optional)
- Small piece of cardboard (a toilet roll tube is ideal)
- Glue

Paper

I used brown paper for my bauble, but you can use any other colour paper you like, as long as it contrasts with the white embroidery floss. Card is better than lighter weight paper because it makes the embroidery easier and will result in a more durable ornament. Check your printer manual to see what thickness of card it can print on.

Embroidery floss

Embroidery floss comes in strands of 6. Cut the length you need and then separate the strands into three lengths of two strands each. This gives you the ideal thickness of floss for embroidering on paper (bear in mind that you have to go through the hole at the centre of the snowflake 12 times).

Ideas

Gift tag

Instead of hanging the bauble on your tree, you could use it as a gift tag. Write a note and slide it inside the bauble.

Chocolate coins

The bauble is the perfect container for a few chocolate coins.

Jewellery

Small earrings, a necklace or ring can be hidden in your tree as an extra special present that the recipient has to find after all the other presents have been unwrapped.

Instructions

Step 1 - Print

Print out the templates and cut out template 1 along the dotted square. Cut out a square of the same size of brown paper.

Step 2 - Staple

Staple the two pieces of paper together where indicated on the template. Now place this on the cutting mat or folded tea towel.

Step 3 - Perforate

Using your pin, punch a hole into each point of the snowflake wherever two lines intersect and each corner of any of the diamonds. Pierce holes along the dotted line along the edge of the bauble.

Occasionally lift up the template to make sure you have pierced all the holes - there needs to be a hole for each of the shapes so that the thread can go in and out.

Once this is done, cut out the bauble along the solid line of the template, holding the two pieces of paper tightly together.

Step 4 - Embroider

Using 2 strands of the embroidery floss, embroider the star shape until all the lines are covered. Tie the floss with secure knots. You can also cover the back of the embroidery with sticky tape or another cut-out of the bauble, but this is optional.

Step 5 - Add the back

Cut out template 2 from brown paper - this will be the back of the bauble.

Attach the embroidered bauble to the brown paper disk with a blanket stitch using the perforated holes you created earlier with the template. Only stitch between the two markers on the template (where perforated), leaving a gap through which to insert the gift into the bauble.

Step 6 - Reinforce

Cut out template 3 and trace around it on the toilet roll tube/cardboard, then cut out the small disc. Glue this to the neck of the bauble - it acts as a reinforcement

Step 7 - Attach string

Punch a hole into the reinforced neck, and (if you have one) add a grommet.

Loop through the string/twine and tie a knot.

Tip

If inserting a small present like earrings, it's a good idea to wrap them in tissue paper, so that they are easier to get out.

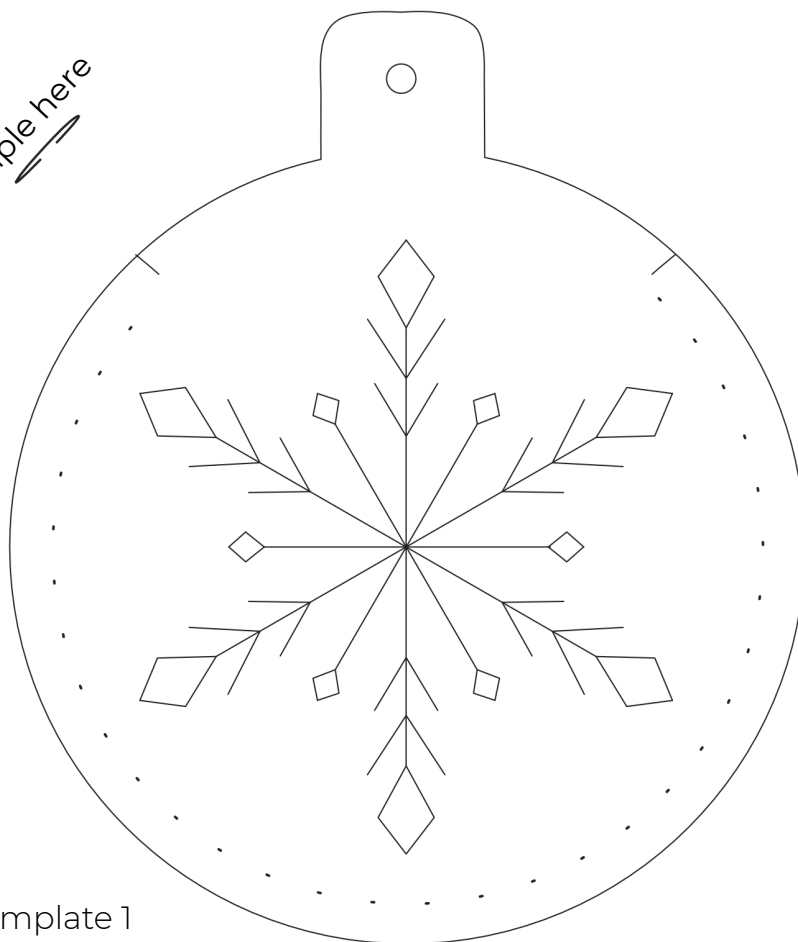
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I'd love to see you on Instagram:

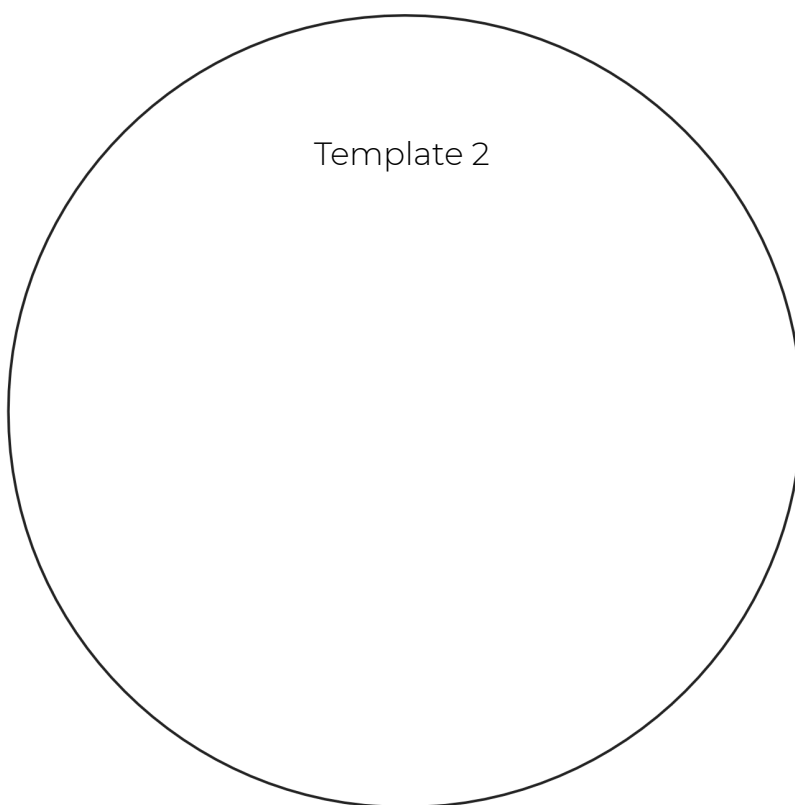
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Templates

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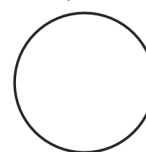


Template 1



Template 2

Template 3



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