



## Encounter Craft – 2nd December This week – Christmas Decorations!

Try some of these fun ideas  
to make your own colourful decorations

### Lolly Stick Trees



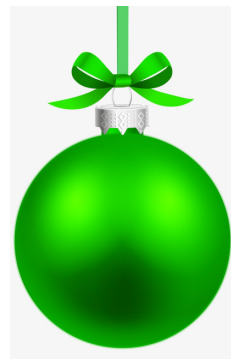
You can buy coloured lolly sticks from craft shops and the craft sections in some supermarkets. Plan your tree before you stick anything together. Use the length of one stick for the trunk and then cut your other sticks so they gradually get shorter as they go up it. Stick-on gems, pom-poms, glitter – these are some of the things you can use to decorate it. Then add a star at the top and a loop of string or ribbon so you can hang your little tree on your Christmas tree!

You need wooden clothes pegs for these cheeky chaps! Paint three pegs brown with little bands of black across the tops of two of them for the hooves. Peg them to a piece of stiff brown card as shown in the picture. You could glue them to make them more secure. Then just add googly eyes and a red pom-pom for the nose!

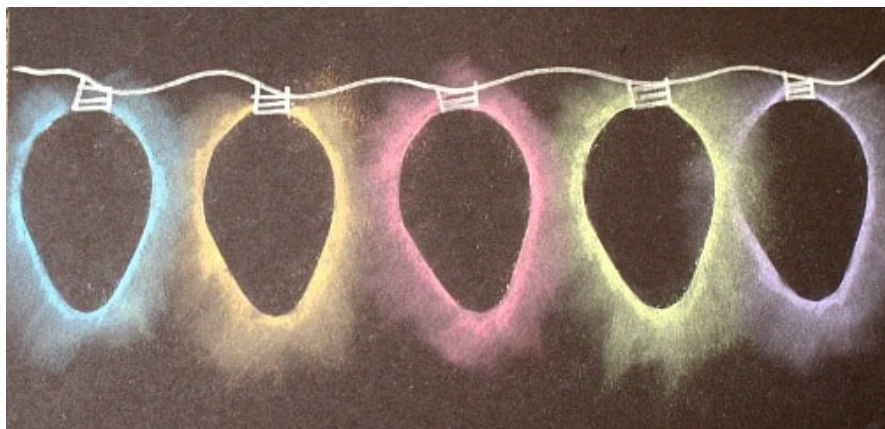


### Clothes Peg Rudolph





## Glowing Fairy Lights

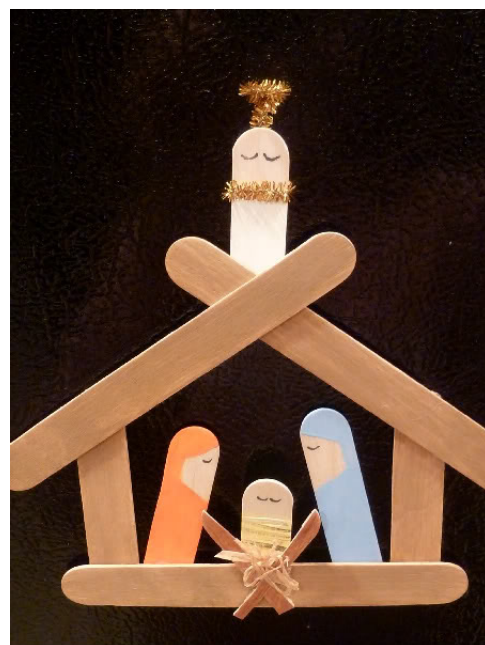


These are so pretty!  
You need black card and chinks. Cut out a light-bulb shape and hold it down on the card, drawing around it with a coloured chalk. Move it along the page, drawing round it with a

different colour each time. When you have finished, take a tissue or soft cloth and gently rub the chalk outwards to create the coloured glow. You can join them all together with a white chalk "wire". A few of these put up in a row would look so effective!

This is a lovely traditional decoration that would look great on a mantelpiece or in a window. This time, plain lolly sticks have been used. You need six of them – three to make the roof and floor of the stable, with a fourth one cut in half to create the sides. A fifth is halved and painted to make Mary and Joseph, and the sixth one is cut to make the Angel and Baby Jesus. The manger is two pieces of brown card and it looks even better with a tiny bit of wool as the straw! A gold pipe cleaner can be bent to create the Angel's halo. So sweet!

## Lolly Stick Nativity



**HAVE FUN!!**