

"Solutions for Your Life"

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Holiday Hints & Helps: Frugal Family Fun

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Make Your Own Fun!

With a little planning and imagination, you can turn miscellaneous scraps into holiday treasures that will transform your home into a winter wonderland. Here are a few ideas that are really simple and loads of fun for the whole family:

Merry Mice

Materials:
Red & green felt
Scissors
Glue
Pom Poms
Candy canes
Googly eyes
Tape



Directions:

- 1. Cut a 6-inch-long teardrop-shaped body from red felt. Near the center, cut 2 parallel slits that are 1 inch long and 1/2 inch apart.
- 2. For a pair of ears, cut a 5-inch-long rounded bowtie shape from green felt. This will be used to make the ears.
- 3. To put the mouse together, fit the ears through the slits in the body. Glue on googly eyes and a pom-pom nose.
- 4. Finally, add a curly tail by slipping a candy cane beneath the mouse and tucking the straight end between the body and the ears to hold it in place.

Scavenger Hunt

Send your family on a hunt through the house, providing clues for various objects. It can have a holiday theme or no theme at all. The object is to foster teamwork and to have as much fun as possible.

Group Storytelling Game

Materials:

Just your imagination!

Directions:

Someone starts a story and, after a couple of sentences, points to someone else to continue the story. It's more fun if you go fast. The crazier the story, the better.

Paper Golf

Materials:

Paper

Marker

Directions:

- 1. Create a "fairway" on a standard-sized piece of paper—a shape that is the boundary for the tee-off area and hole. Draw a small circle (the hole) at one end of the fairway.
- 2. Place the marker point down at the tee (the other end of the fairway), close your eyes and try to draw a line to the hole. Lift your marker and open your eyes. That's your "shot." (If you strayed outside the boundaries, add a stroke.) The next player then tees off on the same sheet.
- 3. As with actual golf, the player farthest from the hole shoots first, and your score is the number of shots it takes you to reach the cup. Play nine holes or even 18 like the pros.

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