

# A DIY CHRISTMAS

*The holidays are right around the corner and we know that budgets are tight. So here at The Hyphen, we have given you some ideas for holiday gifts and treats. In 10 minutes or less (and for \$10 or less), you can make the ideal present for friends, family and loved ones.*

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## COCOA-IN-A-JAR

### What you'll need:

- Mason jar (Michael's \$1)
- Hot cocoa mix (Meijer/Kroger \$2)
- Marshmallows (Meijer/Kroger \$2)
- Candy canes (Dollar Tree \$1)
- Ribbon (Michaels \$1.99)

**Step 1:** Pour cocoa mix into jar

**Step 2:** Put marshmallows, crushed candy canes or any other preferred candy in the jar

**Step 3:** Hot glue ribbon around the lid of the mason jar and decorate the jar however you please



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## CANDY SLEIGH

### What you'll need:

- Candy canes- Dollar Tree (\$1)
- King size Kit Kat- Dollar Tree (\$1)
- 2 Mini size Snickers- Dollar Tree
- 2 Mini size milky ways- Dollar Tree
- 1 Starburst- Dollar Tree
- 1 green or red pom-pom
- Hot glue gun

**Step 1:** Start with the base, which is the king size Kit Kat

**Step 2:** Start stacking, and hot gluing other candies on top biggest to smallest.

**Step 3:** Top the sleigh with a green or red pom-pom

**Step 4:** hot glue 2 candy canes to the bottom of the king size Kit Kat

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# "UGLY" HOLIDAY SWEATER



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## What you'll need:

- An old sweater from around your home -- or from Goodwill (\$0 - \$5)
- At least two feet of garland of any color (Michael's \$2 - \$5)
- Two packages of 15 green and red small pom poms (Michael's \$1.50 each)
- One piece of 8 ½ x 11 black felt (Michaels \$0.20)
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors

**Step 1:** Start by laying out your garland in the shape of a Christmas tree. You'll want to lay the top of the garland straight up to make the point of the tree and the wrap the rest underneath it, making it bigger as it goes down. Cut the excess off the remaining garland.

**Step 2:** After you have your garland set to your desired length, hot glue the garland onto the piece of black felt.

**Step 3:** Cut the excess felt off to where it fits the shape of the tree.

**Step 4:** Hot glue the felt onto the sweater.

**Step 5:** Once your tree is glued to your sweater, glue the red and green pom poms in various spots on the tree to make ornaments.

**Step 6:** Glue the rest of the pom poms that are left over around the tree on the rest of the sweater.

**Step 7:** Make sure everything is secure and you have a new holiday sweater in ten minutes or less!



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# GRINCH KABOBS

## What you'll need:

- Strawberries- Kroger (\$3.50)
- Bananas- Kroger (99 cents)
- Mini marshmallows- Kroger (99 cents)
- Green grapes- Kroger (\$1.25)
- Red, green, or white kabob sticks- Kroger (\$1)

**Step 1:** Cut the bananas in thin slices and cut the stems off of the strawberries

**Step 2:** Place one grape on the kabob.

**Step 3:** Put one banana slice on top of the grape making the base of the hat.

**Step 4:** Put the strawberry over the banana with the tip of the strawberry facing upwards.

**Step 5:** Top the hat off with a mini marshmallow.



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