

Snowman Adds Cheery Note To 'Do-It-Yourself' Decorating Ideas

Christmas and snowmen go together—but what if it doesn't snow? Mom and/or the kids can make a decorative snowman that doesn't melt, and doesn't need snow — just gift wrapping materials.

- Here's all that's needed:
- 3 rolls white "Lustre-Tie" 1 1/4" ribbon
 - 1 roll scarlet 3/4" ribbon
 - 2 foam balls — 3" for head, 5" for body
 - Pipe cleaners, pins, heads, cardboard, 8 1/2" dowel, paper cup and gift wrap

Strip white ribbon into three parts and wind around each foam ball. Cut white ribbon into four-inch lengths; using pin, finely slash centers, leaving one-half inch margins at each end, which will be moistened and stuck together to form fringe.

Starting at bottom of foam balls, moisten fringes and stick to ribbon base, working in overlapping rows. Attach head to body with a toothpick and add scarlet ribbon bow. Pin on bead eyes.

Make arms by winding fringe around pipe cleaners; insert into body. Cover a paper cup and a cardboard circle



FROSTY THE SNOWMAN makes a cheerful Christmas decoration. He can be created from gift wrapping materials. Suggestion here is from Norcross.

with gift wrap and glue together for hat. Pin to head.

Shred eight three-inch strips of scarlet ribbon and wind around one end of dowel for broom; cover remainder of dowel with red ribbon.

• The most beautiful plant of Christmas is the poinsettia.

'YES, VIRGINIA', EDITOR'S CLASSIC ANSWER LIVES...

"Dear Editor — Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus . . ."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the

united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love

romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.



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