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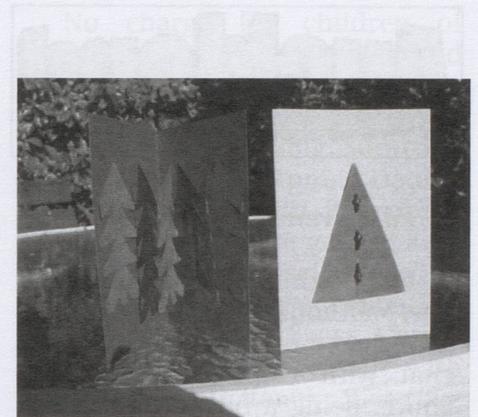
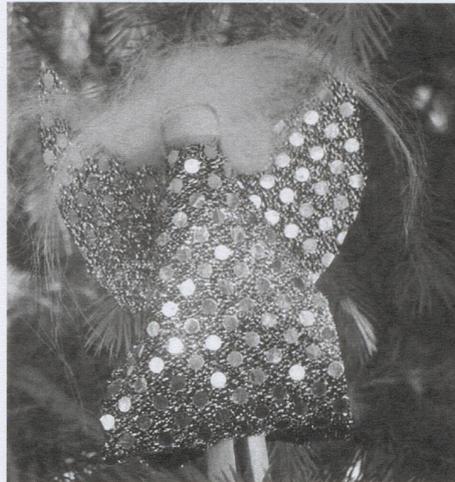
Christmas crafts



Peg Angels

I found old-fashioned wooden clothes pegs at the local \$2 shop and thought they might come in handy one day. With a bit of glittery fabric or even a broad ribbon they are turning into angels who can sit on the Christmas tree branches. The wings are thin cardboard covered with the same fabric and glued on, the hair a tiny bit of artificial fur or hair brushed from my cat or sheep wool from a fence.

tb



Christmas cards

Create your own Christmas Cards! A home-made Christmas Card is a little Christmas present in itself. I used fairly thick yellow or red paper for the card, and thinner green paper for the Christmas trees. I used thick red wool and yellow beads to sew the green tree to the yellow card - and a glue stick to glue the folded trees into the other cards. I'm sure you can work out how it was done!

tb

Christmas Mince Zopf (or: Birewegge ohne Bire)

Dough

like Zopf dough, with some extra sugar:

in a little bowl:
mix 2 tsp dried yeast,
2 tsp sugar,
2 tsp flour with some lukewarm water,
leave for about 5 min till it is alive and bubbling;

in the meantime, in a big bowl:
1kg white flour
150g sugar
100g butter, melted
2 tsp salt

lukewarm milk to make a soft dough (about 400ml)
add yeast mixture and knead, you may have to add more milk or more flour to get the right consistency; then leave to rise to about double the volume.

Filling

100g dried figs
100g dried prunes
Soak the prunes and figs in red wine, bring to the boil, cool, cut finely, add to
1 jar (400g) Fruit Mince (also called Christmas Mince)
1 apple, peeled and finely grated

some (many, if you have and like!) chopped walnuts; mix well
Divide the dough into 4 portions, roll out to 4 rectangles
Place one quarter of the filling in the middle of each rectangle
Fold over, glue the ends and overlaps with milk
Paint the four Bireweggen with egg yolk (and a bit of milk)
Poke some little holes with a fork for decoration and for the steam
Bake in preheated oven (200°) for about 20-30 min.
The Birewegge can be frozen.

Merry Christmas & en quete

