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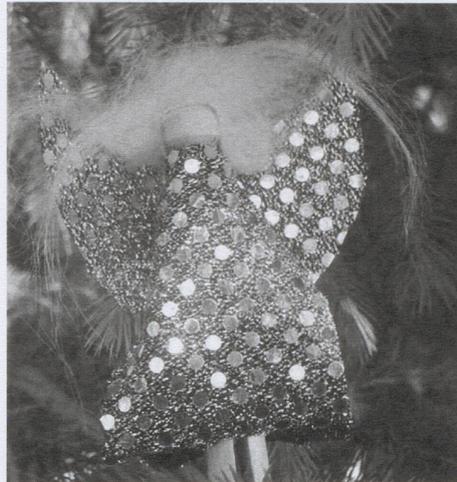
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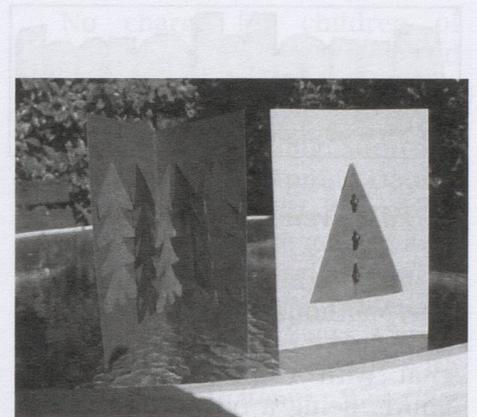
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## Christmas crafts



### 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*

