

Make a Kitsch Christmas boot

Make this really fun decoration – great to do with children!

You will need:

A 2 litre plastic drinks bottle

Paper for papier mache, I reused packing paper

A decorative napkin or decorative tissue paper (or you can paint if you prefer)

PVA & brush

Cardboard for a base and a piece of repurposed fabric to cover

Embellishments to decorate – old and broken decorations are good and charity shops are a great source.

Method

Cut the bottle in two. The bottom half will be the 'ankle' part of the boot. The top half of the bottle is then cut lengthways, and this will form the 'toe' part of the boot (see image) Tape pieces in place.

Tear the packing paper into strips approx. 3-4 inches long. Use PVA to glue to the boot, 3 or 4 layers is good. You can then use the paper napkin or tissue paper as the final decorative layer, glue in the same way. Leave to dry.

Cut the card into an oval shape slightly bigger than the boot then, glue the fabric in place with PVA. Glue the boot to the base and leave to dry

Now the fun starts – use your bits and pieces to decorate the boot. I edged the top with furnishing trim. I reused some fake moss from old decorations and had an old Santa hanging decoration which I glued onto the top with tiny trees. I hung a couple of small tree baubles from wire. I used a gold bead chain decoration to glue some 'laces' on, then glued some more decorations around the base.

The finished result is an original kitsch delight, but you can use different colours and embellishments to create a more classic look if you prefer.

Enjoy!



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