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The ornaments are easy to store and look nice on the Christmas tree. They can also be used throughout the year to give a nice country touch to the home, she suggested.

Free-lance home economist Barbara Herr had some other craft ideas to share. She demonstrated how do ribbon applique. "You simply glue ribbons on an item that you are making or that you already have," she explained. Herr suggested using a hot glue gun for best results.

The ribbons can also be secured by using the zigzag stitch on the sewing machine, she said. Ribbons can be glued with stick glue to make sure they stay in place during stitching.

Ideas for places to use ribbon applique include picture frames, aprons, placemats, towels, and pillows.

Another way to sew your way to beautiful Christmas is to create stuffed ornaments. Herr suggested using cookie cutters or pictures from a child's coloring book as patterns.

Adorning Christmas balls with ribbons and other trims is another SECTION OF STREET, AND A S

simple decorating idea. The additions can be glued or pinned on, depending on how permanent you want the change, she said

This year, Herr continued, wicker hats decorated with ribbons and flowers are a new addition to the Christmas tree.

Christmas trees are also a good place to put German stars made from ribbon, Herr said. To make a German star, cut eight strips of ribbon 3½ x 7/8-inch and glue them into individual cones. Then glue the cones together in sets of two and then all together to create a

Wreaths are always popluar at Christmas and can be made using a wide variety of materials. "One of the easiest to do," Herr said, "is a grapevine."

The vines should be soaked overnight in a bathtub full of water with a little dish detergent added. In the morning, wrap the vines around a tub, wire them together and wait for them to dry, Herr explained. Then wrap several other vines around the wreath to hide the wires. The final step is to decorate the wreath with pine cones, ribbons and other materials.

Herr said that another way to create a Christmas wreath is to put styrofoam balls on a coat hanger and bend the hanger into a circle

Then sew a sleeve of fabric wide enough to slide over the balls, cover the balls with the fabric and tie the ends together at the top Ribbons should be tied between each of the balls and a bow can be added to the top to hide the place where the fabric is tuct

To decorate basket or other woven objects, Herr suggested ribbon weaving. To do this craft, glue ribbons on top of a basket, following the weave pattern or simply weave the ribbon through the material and attach bows to complete the look

Ribbons can also be woven into designs and secured onto fusible interfacing creating one solid

piece of material The colorful designs can then be cut like a piece of fabric and incorporated into another project, Herr said

From the oohs and aahs that greeted many of the ideas presented during the day, it is apparent that Lancaster County is going to have a Christmas filled with beautiful, colorful crafts and plenty of luscious food.



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