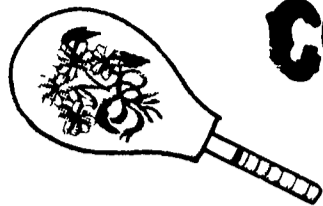


# CRAFT CORNER



This week's craft ideas come from a group of mothers who belong to Salem Belleman's Union Church in Mohrsville. This group of women get together every year to make crafts for the church's Christmas bazaar.

The group makes many of their craft items out of "junk" to create inexpensive, but ingenious crafts. Below are a few of the crafts they are making for this year's bazaar, scheduled for Nov. 9 and 10. To

learn more about these women, see the story featuring them in this section.

### Tin Punch Ornaments

Supplies needed: Ribbon, lace, wooden or cardboard hoop (Cathy suggested buying the cheaper, grey cardboard hoops in the craft stores. "We took shoe polish and polished them. They really got nice," she said.) Copper, glue, pattern, sewing awl or nail (or any

sharp object with a point. "A sewing awl is the ideal thing to use," Cathy said.), scissors.

Directions: Take shoe polish (a brown will make the hoop look like wood) and polish the cardboard hoop. Let dry. Cut the copper with your scissors to the desired shape and size. (The women use a three-inch circle, but this depends on the size of your hoop.) Trace the pattern onto paper and tape the paper onto the copper. Use a nail or sewing awl to punch through the pattern into the copper. Remove pattern and cut copper to fit outside of hoop. Glue together with craft glue. Trim with lace and ribbon on the outside edges. When finished, wipe off all the fingerprints from copper and spray entire ornament with polyurethane varnish spray to prevent any tarnishing.

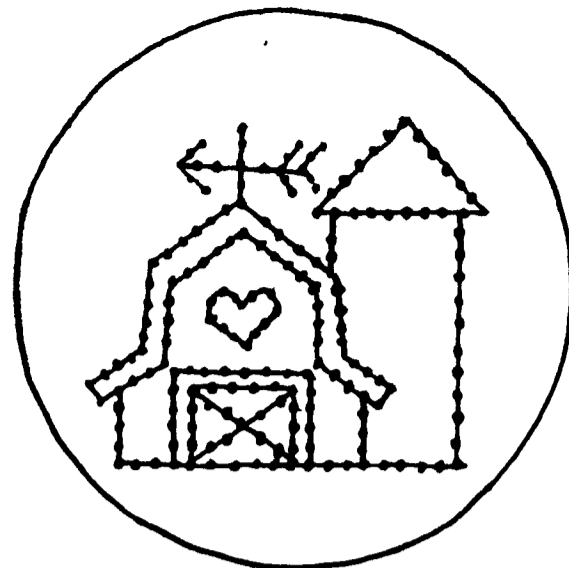
These cost about \$1.50 to make and can be made in approximately two hours.

### Nutshell Ornaments

Supplies needed: walnut shells - broken in half and cleaned, string to hang ornament, 1/4-inch gathered lace, small piece of felt,

grey felt, 1/2-inch grey pompom, 2 tiny beads, and a 3mm pompom for nose, craft glue, fabric ribbon.

Directions: Glue string onto the nutshell. Glue the lace around the top of the nutshell. "It works good with a hot glue gun," the women advised. Line the inside of the shell with felt. Make two little mouse ears out of the grey felt, and glue onto the shell. Glue the 1/2-inch grey pompom into the shell for the mouse's head. Glue two tiny beads for eyes and the smallest bead for the nose. Elaine used a tweezers and dipped these small items into the glue to paste them onto the pompom. After this is done, cut a small blanket to fit over the bottom of the shell out of fabric ribbon.



This is a pattern for the Tin Punch Ornaments. It is the actual size that the women use and can be used as is. Just attach this to the copper sheeting and begin.

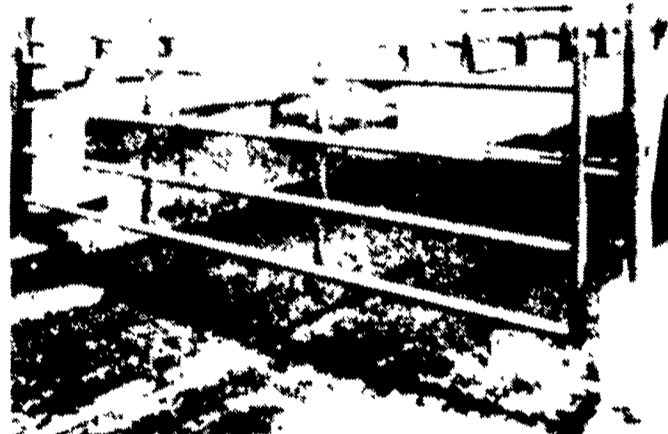
### Pretzel Wreaths

Supplies needed: 16 pretzels, glue, ribbon and decorative flowers.

Directions: (hot glue gun works best) Glue the 16 pretzels together into double layers so that you have eight sets of double pretzels. Then glue them together, side by side into a circle. Wind ribbon around them, making sure that you cover the glued sections. Trim with decorative flowers, bells, or bows, depending on the season.

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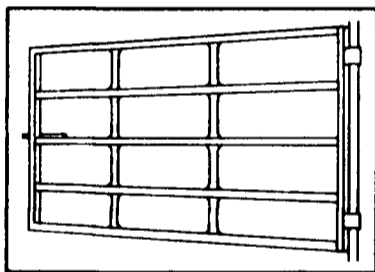
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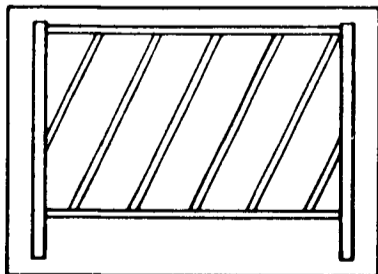
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