

Ways to remember a loved one at Christmas

Christmas

Christmas Memory Baubles



A Memory Bauble can be used to help you remember your loved one at Christmas and you could use old Christmas cards or could upcycle cards that perhaps had been given to you by the person who has died or you can use cards with pictures that remind you of that person or decorate it in colours that remind you of them.

To make one, you will need:

- used Christmas cards / old Advent calendar / glittery card
- Circle craft punch (or a 1.5" scalloped edge craft punch)
- pencil
- ruler
- scissors
- craft glue (PVA or super glue)
- thread, string, ribbon or wool for hanging

To begin, you will need to cut (punch) out 10 circles from the cards. You could draw around something circular for this, but they all need to be exactly the same size.



Cut another circle from a scrap piece of paper and fold it in half. Fold it again into exact thirds and open it out. Draw a triangle where every other point meets, and cut this out.



Using this triangle as a template, fold each of the 10 card circles as shown below. You can fold them against the edge of a ruler to make this easier.



Next, arrange the ten pieces so that you have five for the top section and five for the bottom section. Think about how each of the pieces will look once they are all put together. Try not to have two pieces the same colour next to each other, and think about which way up they will need to face.

Starting with the bottom section, glue two pieces together, matching the edges up neatly. Then glue three more pieces on so that they form a circle. You can use pegs here to help hold the pieces together if you need to.



Do the same with the top section, but be sure to leave one edge open.

Take a length of thread, string, ribbon or wool and knot the ends together. Slide the knot between the two open edges of the top section and glue the edges together. Pull the thread tight and apply a little glue to the inside to keep it in place.

Glue the top and bottom sections together - wait to dry and hang either on a tree or somewhere you want to remember your loved one over Christmas time.

