



HUMBLE NATIVITY

God showed His love for us in that He gave His Son, Jesus, to be born on this earth in a humble manger to save us from our sins. The nativity reminds us of God's great love. Matthew 1:21

YOU WILL NEED:

- Dry Grass, Straw, Moss
- Tissue Paper
- Craft Sticks
- Cardboard
- Wire
- 2 Ping Pong Balls
- Aluminum Foil
- Glitter Paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Multicolored String
- Nylon Stockings
- Black Marker
- Compass
- Paint
- Dry Wooden Sticks
- Paint Brush
- Brown Yarn
- Thread
- Cutter
- Hot Glue Gun
- Thin Cardboard
- Masking Tape
- Sisal Twine
- Fabric



DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut thin cardboard and roll it up to make 2 cones 4" tall and 2" wide at the base. Secure them with masking tape. Trim off the point on each one.



2. Paint two ping pong balls a skin color.



3. Cut off a 4" piece of wire. Glue a small piece of tissue paper to each end. Pull pieces of nylon stocking over the ends and secure with thread.



4. Make two small notches on the sides at the top of the cone and push the wire into them. Glue. Make a belt and tie it in the middle of the cone.



5. Glue the head on. Make a cloak for Joseph. Glue a square of fabric over the head. Wrap string around the headpiece.



6. For Mary, repeat steps 3 and 4 with the second cone and use different fabric.



7. For hair, cut 20-30 strands of cotton yarn 6-7" long. Tie them in bundles of 5 strands. Unravel the yarn into smaller strings. Glue the hair to the head. Glue a square of fabric over Mary's head.



8. Glue 2-3 pieces of 10x7" cardboard together in layers. Tape the edges. Cut 4 sticks 6" long and two sticks 4" long. Secure the small branches over the large ones with twine as shown. Make holes in the cardboard and glue the sticks into the holes.



9. Make a roof from thin twigs and glue into place. Paint the cardboard floor in earth tones. Cut about thirty 3" sticks from twigs. Weave sticks with twine to make a fence. Glue into place.



10. Roll a 1" ball out of foil. Wrap it with a white napkin. Pull a piece of nylon tightly over the ball and secure with thread. Paint it. Take four 2" craft sticks and glue the head to them. Wrap baby Jesus in a blanket.



11. Use craft sticks to make a manger with dimensions of about 2x2x3". Paint it. Place dried grasses and little blanket into it. Put Baby Jesus in it.



12. Cut a star out of glitter paper. Glue it to the roof ridge. Put dry grass, moss and straw on the floor. Place Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus in the nativity scene.

Adult assistance is suggested.