

Create A Ferret-Themed Christmas Tree

Craft these ferret-themed ornaments to create a fabulous tree!

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Painted Ferret Ornaments

Your first step in painting an ornament is to make sure the ornament is clean. Two ferret shapes are provided in an easy step-by-step for you to follow. It might be easier to paint a couple ferrets on paper before you try painting an actual ornament. Be creative and draw more ferrets in many different positions.

To start, set up your work space. Start with a wavy line as shown. Add legs, tail and head to this line to form the outline of a ferret. (See photos below; click to enlarge.)

Start coloring a sable ferret by adding a very light beige color to the tummy and under throat. Take a darker, beige color and paint above the tummy area and head as shown. Use dark brown to paint the legs, tail and mask. (See photos below; click to enlarge.)

Take some white paint and paint a circle for the eye, and then add a touch of black for the iris. Use the white to draw a muzzle and pink or black for a nose. Paint some red leaves coming together in the center. Take a fine-tip brush and outline the ferret, the red leaves and add green leaves and yellow dots in the center of the red to create a poinsettia. (See below for photos; click to enlarge.)

To draw just a face, fill in an outline. Then add some red on top that will become a Santa hat. Using a fine-tip brush, outline the ferret, the hat and draw eyes and mouth. Color in the eyes, mouth and nose. Add some holly for trim. (See photos below; click to enlarge.)

Assembling The Tree

Sort your ferrets so that the largest go on the lower part of the tree and the smaller go on the upper part of the tree. Make sure all lights are strung, attached and plugs are firmly in place. Make sure your living ferrets cannot climb in the tree and the tree cannot be tipped over.

Securely hang ornaments so that little noses can't knock them off to break or steal.

Here are some samples of painted and sculptured ferret ornaments. (See photos below; click to enlarge.)

Be creative and have a wonderful, ferret-filled holiday!

Loving new ideas, Deva Kolb is constantly designing new arts and crafts. She is always on the lookout for something that would be fun to share, and many of her creations can be seen on her website.