

Handprint Christmas Tree Kitchen Towel {Easy DIY Gift}



This is a cute, inexpensive little Christmas project you can make to give to grandparents or keep for yourself.

To make this project you will need:

- White kitchen towel
- Green acrylic craft paint plus other colors for a star and ornaments
- Cheap foam paintbrush
- Textile medium (optional, helps prevent paint from cracking)
- Printable star template



Christmas Tree Handprint Towel Instructions:

1. Lay your towel down on a table, folded the way you will hang it.
2. Paint your hand with green paint. Put the paint on quite thick; the hand should feel very wet in order to get a good handprint.



3. Working quickly, lay the hand down on the middle of the towel and press firmly to transfer a handprint.

NOTE: if you have small hands, you can do three rows of handprints for the tree if you wish. If you do this, place the first handprint a little higher up on the towel.

You can practice on a sheet of paper first.

4. Repeat this process to create two more handprints in a Christmas tree shape. Allow the handprints to dry slightly before adding the star, about 10 minutes.





7. Dip your finger in yellow paint and then tap it on the towel to fill in the star. Use a tapping motion so the paint doesn't bleed around the edges.



10. Once the paint is completely dry, you can heat set the Christmas tree with an iron. Place a thin cloth over the towel and iron over the tree for about 30 seconds, moving the iron around. It's also a good idea to wait about a week before you wash the towel.

NOTE: You'll be able to wash the towel and none of the paint should come off. However, the paint may fade with repeated washing, so it's best if this towel is used for decoration only.

5. On a sheet of card stock or other heavyweight paper draw a star. Use an Exacto knife to cut the star out to create a stencil.

6. Lay the star stencil on the towel, above the top of the tree, and hold it in place. Do not slide it around as it could smear the green paint.



8. Remove the stencil.

9. Finally, decorate the tree with "ornaments" made from fingerprints in different colors of paint.

