Happy Holidays

From Us To You
Learning More About 4-H

4-H Members Around The World Celebrate The Holidays

Which country has the activity pictured above?
ARTS and CRAFTS

Homemade gifts are fun to make and just as much fun to give.

A Handmade 4-H Project
- Dough Ornaments
- Orange Scenter
- Pierced Tin Ornaments

Dough Ornaments

**Supplies:**
- 4 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1-1/2 cups water
- Large bowl and a fork

**What to do:**
1. Mix flour and salt in bowl
2. Add water slowly. Mix to form a ball. Use a fork or your hands.
3. Knead the dough with your hands for 5 to 10 minutes.
4. If the dough is too stiff, add water. Too sticky, add flour.

5. The dough can be wrapped in a plastic bag in the refrigerator up to 5 days.
6. Dough can be dried at room temperature for several days or baked at 300 degrees for 1-1/2 hours.

**Hints:**
Add food coloring, coffee for brown color. Variations: roll dough into sticks for candy canes and wreaths; roll out dough, draw a house, cut with a knife, press in candies; mold ornament shapes; or use a cookie cutter. Press hairpin in back. Let dry. Paint if desired.

Orange Scenter

**Supplies:**
- 1 orange
- 1/2 ounce whole cloves
- ribbon
- cinnamon (optional)
- fork

**What to do:**
1. Use a fork to make holes in the orange skin.
2. Stick the cloves into each hole. Can be put in solidly or in a design.
3. Dust the fruit with cinnamon.
4. Hang with a ribbon.

Pierced Tin Ornaments

**Supplies:**
- Flat lids from juice cans
- Yarn, ribbon
- Lightweight hammer
- Slender nail
- Newspaper

**What to do:**
1. Put newspaper down to pad the work surface.
2. Draw simple design on lids with a pencil.
3. Using the hammer and nail, tap holes 1/4 inch apart, along the design. Erase pencil lines when done.
4. Make a hole at the top of the design for hanging. Thread with yarn or ribbon.
5. Tie a bow and mount on top of lid.
A Special Project Just For YOU

The holidays are a very special time of year. Here are ways you can help others during the holidays. Put a "✓" check in front of the ones that you do.

- Give food to a foodshelf
- Go with your 4-H Club and sing songs at a nearby nursing home

- Be kind to an elderly person
- Donate a toy to a needy family

- Make a gift for someone
- Do something special for your Mom, Dad, Grandma, or Grandpa
4-H Eye Spy
Can you find all 31 of the items hidden in this picture?
**Answers to 4-H members around the world**

Top-England, Mexico, Sweden
Bottom-Germany, Holland, France

Where are the hidden items?
1-top right corner, 2-on Bakery, 3-in woods behind school, 4-in mailbox, 5-in tree branches, 6-on Toy Shop, 7-on Bakery, 8-in front of Bakery, 9-by the tree, 10-on the Toy Shop, 11-kwanzaa candles, next to Music Shop, 12-on the Clover character, 13-upper right, 14-by the mailbox, 15-menorah candlestick, in tree under the word Toys, 16-on Bakery, 17-back of left corner of School, 18-on Music Shop, 19-in tree, 20-on Clover character skating, 21-above tree, 22-in mountain, right side, 23-on front fence post, 24-in front of group of Clover characters, 25-left of Toy Shop, 26-on Clover character, 27-in window of Bakery, 28-on Clover character, 29-on Music Shop, 30-on Toy Shop, 31-in front of Music Shop

Did you find all of them?

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**Note to Parents**

A key aspect of the 4-H program is helping youth learn the value of volunteering in their community. Research shows that when young people learn to volunteer, they continue to do so as adults. 4-H is a wonderful source of local volunteer opportunities. You can go with your club to sing songs at a nursing home, collect food for food shelves, adopt a family or elderly person in your neighborhood and plan activities to do with them, collect toys or clothes to donate to local efforts, or ring bells at Salvation Army kettles. Make a difference by being a 4-H volunteer!