

Fabric Christmas Baubles

Materials:

- Scissors
- Butter knife
- Deco Foam Balls
- Ribbon
- Pins
- Pen
- Tape measure



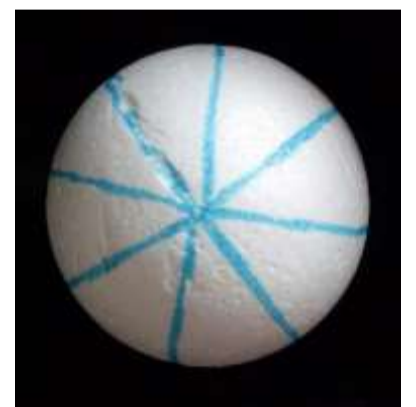
Instructions:

Prepare the Ball

Step 1 - Find the top of the ball and mark a line vertically to the bottom. You may find it easier if you use a tape measure as a straight line. Repeat on the other side of the ball so that you have marked all the way around the ball.

Step 2 - Turn the ball 90° and repeat so that you have quarters marked on the ball when viewed from the top.

Step 3 - Turn the ball again and mark lines between the quarters until you have eight lines as shown.



Step 4 - Use a craft knife or butterknife to carefully cut down each of these lines. Cut about 5mm deep.

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Cutting the fabric

Step 1 - You now have eight elliptical shapes marked on your ball. Measure across the widest part of one of these and add 2 cm. This is the width of your fabric.

Step 2 - With your tape measure, measure the length of your ball from top to bottom - this will be the length of your fabric.

Step 3 - Mark these measurements on a piece of paper and roughly draw the elliptical shape on the side of your ball. It doesn't need to be accurate close enough is fine.

Step 4 - Cut out the paper and use as a pattern to cut eight shapes out of your fabric.

Assembling the Ball

Step 1 - Hold a piece of fabric against your ball using your finger and thumb to hold it at the top and bottom of your ball.

Step 2 - Using a butter knife, carefully poke the fabric into the slots - start at the widest point of your fabric and alternate sides so you don't end up short on the opposite side.

Step 3 - When all eight pieces are inserted into the ball, you may need to trim the ends with a pair of scissors.

Step 4 - Take a length of ribbon, about 10 cm, and fold in half to make a loop. Push a pin through the ends of the loop and then push into the top of the ball.

Step 5 - Take two smaller lengths of ribbon, about 5 cm each, and cut the ends at a diagonal. Place one length over the other to make a cross and push a pin through the middle, then push the pin into the bottom of the ball.

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