

Christmas at the Beach

Underneath the huge Pohutukawa tree, Christmas on the beach is an awesome Kiwi tradition. Below are some beach-themed crafts to try.



Driftwood Trees

What better way to make a Christmas tree than with some old trees that have become driftwood. By drilling through the wood and threading them on a wire you can make a beautiful piece of decor. If you don't have access to a drill you can simply wrap the wire around the wood instead of threading it.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/driftwoodtrees.pdf



Shell Angels

Angels are one of the items that usually grace any well-decorated Christmas scene. This craft will add a beachy theme to the traditional angel.

Using shells as the body or wings, glued to a large bead for a head, this makes the base of a simple angel to decorate with.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/shellangels.pdf

Beach Art Baubles

It's always fun to bring back a few things from the beach when you leave and this craft will give you something to do with those small odds and ends.

Use a jar lid as the base of your bauble and then create your scene.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/beachbaubles.pdf

Driftwood Photo Holders

Everyone needs a place to put their favourite snaps and this beach themed gift will do just that.

Using wire and a piece of driftwood you can make an amazing bespoke photo holder to hold your memories.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/driftwoodphotos.pdf



A tip for collected beach items

If you collect items directly from the beach for these crafts you may want to wash them. Soaking overnight in bleach and water can clean up the item and ensure there is no bad sea smell.



Putz Houses

Putz houses originated in Germany and were then adapted by the Japanese into the small glittery decorations we see today.

Simply using the template with card and adding some decorations you can have your very own cute little Putz house decoration or make a few and create an entire village.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/putzhouses.pdf



Fake Snow

Whether it's summer or winter for Christmas this snow will add a bit of fun when decorating (or you can simply make it to play with)

This snow is very easy to make. Simply add shaving cream to baking soda and mix it up... easy.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/fakesnow.pdf

Button Garland

Time to use up those spare buttons with this modern take on the traditional Christmas garland.

Simply threading buttons onto string and tying them in place is all you need to do. Why not make a few to hang around your room this Christmas

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/buttongarland.pdf



Wordfind Giftwrap

Why not use a word find as wrapping paper this Christmas?



These gift decorating ideas are a very easy way to personalise any gift. Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/2018giftwrapping.pdf

Ribbon Tree

Or add a tree to the front of a gift to make it stand out.



Glitter Monograms

If you want you can personalise your gifts with monogram tags.



Gifting Memories



Photo Puzzle

This little craft is an awesome custom gift for those that love a few puzzles in their life. It's also very easy to make this puzzle harder by adding more blocks to the mix.

Using small blocks with glued images you can make this one of a kind gift.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/photopuzzle.pdf



Photo Blocks

Getting custom prints onto wood or canvas or wood can be expensive. Here's a cheaper way to give a great gift with a simple technique.

All it takes is a laser printed image glued upside down onto a piece of wood then dried. Once dry add a tiny bit of water and rub off the paper and your left with the image printed on a block of wood

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/photoblocks.pdf



Photo In A Bottle

Definitely one of the smaller gifts you can give but definitely full of thought. Gifting a small photo of you in a bottle can really make a super personalised gift. Given as it is or a small loop and chain added to turn it into an awesome piece of jewellery.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/photobottle.pdf

Glass Photo Magnets

These little gifts are super simple but make for special presents.

Take a flat clear, glass marble (otherwise known as a cabochon), glue an image on the back, attach a magnet and you're good to go.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/glassphotomagnets.pdf



Links

Check out the OSCN craft page oscn.nz/activities for more ideas

Check our pinterest page
pinterest.nz/jooscn

Delicious Christmas



Snowman On A Stick

A staple part of Christmas is sharing food. These cute treats can be made easily and are great gifts or a fun snack to share.

The base is simply three donuts or mini meringues put together on a kebab stick with a few little decorations to make the snowman. Easy and delicious.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/snowmanstick.pdf



Pretzel Trees

Savoury and sweet is a great combination and this treat has both. This pretzel tree not only looks great but is tasty and makes a great gift.

The pretzel stick becomes the trunk of the tree and adding chocolate makes the traditional tree shape. Add a few decorations and you are set to go.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/pretzeltrees.pdf



Melting Snowman

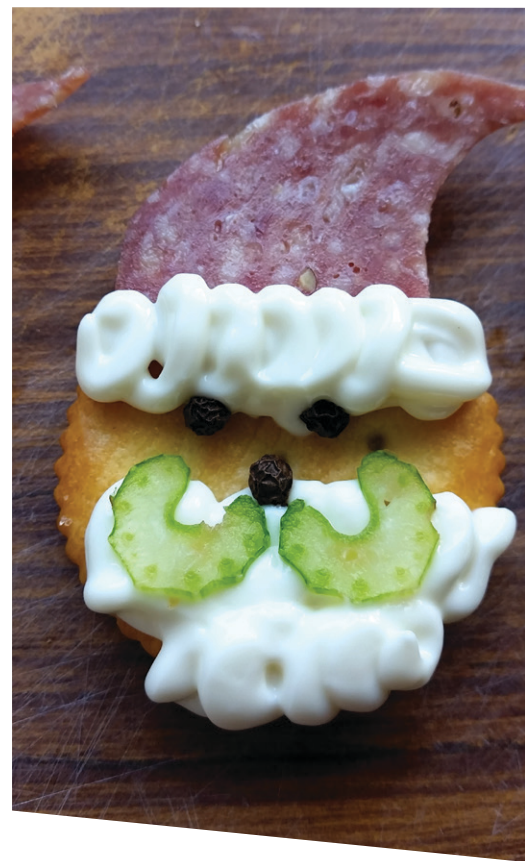
NZ Christmas is usually hot and sticky so of course the snowmen melt. Decorating cookies makes for a fun activity and a yummy treat.

Use a biscuit as a base then add white icing to stick on a marshmallow head and m & m buttons. Use some

Santa Crackers

Making Santa themed crackers can really make afternoon tea more enjoyable. Use crackers as the face and add a salami hat, caper eyes, a cream cheese beard and celery moustache. Then you have a adorable treat to eat. They also make for a beautiful share platter.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/santacrackers.pdf



coloured icing for the final decorations then your done. Yum

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/meltingsnowman.pdf