

**Crafty Cats:
Organising
a Christmas
bauble workshop
information and
guidance**



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Thank you for supporting our Crafty Cats Christmas Baubles! Your participation helps raise vital funds for Cats Protection, providing care, food, veterinary treatment and a safe home for cats in need.

Making Christmas baubles is a craft that people from every skill level can enjoy.

Now's the time to turn off that TV and get cosy with your favourite crafting friends. Crafting with your friends is great fun and we have put together some top tips for making sure you get the most out of your workshop.

Plan your party

A good number of people for a craft party is probably somewhere between five and 10. Any fewer and it might be too quiet, any more and it might be hard to manage. Although it's lovely spending time with old friends, having a common craft project is a great icebreaker if you're trying to introduce new people to each other, so why not invite some people you would like to get to know better too?

Decide a date and a time, then send out the invites and ask guests to RSVP. Having a ballpark number of guests to expect will help you to decide on how many materials, table spaces and refreshments you'll need. **You may want to buy your supplies before deciding how much to ask for per person to attend.**

Don't forget to ask them to bring at least two photographs they would be happy to cut down to fit in their bauble. It might be a good idea to give them a couple of weeks to prepare these and duplicate any precious pictures.



Gather the supplies

Once you know how many people are attending, pop along to your nearest craft shop and buy two plain plastic photo baubles per person, plus however many extra you would like for yourself, including any samples you wish to make.

Decide on and purchase your other materials to beautify your baubles! You can add fake snow (available in most craft shops), glitter and sequins, the possibilities are endless!

We suggest making one of your own baubles ahead of time. This is a good idea both so you can display it as an example, but also so you can see if there are any parts you feel may take longer and how long each bauble is likely to take to make. Measure the length of time it takes you to finish your bauble, then double that to account for chatting and snacking!



Prepare your house

Pick a room with plenty of light (or with good artificial lighting if hosting in the evening). Make sure to cover your chosen craft table with either a plastic party tablecloth or newspaper so that spillages won't harm the surface.

Offer refreshments

If you don't fancy preparing snacks, you can ask people to bring something to share. If you do decide to do your own, choose snacks on sticks or toothpicks that you can enjoy while keeping your hands clean, like cheese, crackers or easy-to-handle snacks, like grapes.

Encourage people to be creative! People can bring their own materials if they already have ideas for how they want their bauble to look. By leaving the finished bauble open to ideas, you're encouraging cross-crafting and even more creativity. The main thing is people finish off their evening with what they set out to do and had fun along the way, while supporting cats!

You will need:

Two plastic photo baubles per person

Glue (PVA or equivalent will work nicely)

Glitter (optional)

Fake snow (optional)

Sequins (optional)

Ribbon (optional)

Scissors



How to make:

Some baubles will come with a middle barrier where you can fasten your photograph. If this is the case, carefully unscrew the bauble, and place the barrier part on the back of your photograph to draw around it. Cut out around the line on your photograph and secure the picture to the barrier using a thin line of glue around the back edges.

If the bauble does not come with a middle barrier, unscrew the bauble and use the middle part to draw around on the back of your picture. Make sure to cut your picture just inside this line. Using the half of the bauble where the lip is on the inside, add small dots of glue around the outside edge. This is so that the photo doesn't fall forward.

Both styles: Next, add your sequins or glitter/fake snow into one half of the bauble so that they will be in front of the picture when it is assembled.

If your bauble does not have the middle barrier, now is the time to place your photo (facing your sequins) in the bauble. It should sit on top of the glue dots.

For the other side of the bauble (with the lip on the outside) paint a thin layer of glue inside the bauble. Fill it with glitter until the whole of the glass is covered. Pour any excess glitter back into the pot.

Now you can screw your bauble together and hang it on the tree using the ribbon to hang it from a branch.

We hope you enjoyed your party!

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