



# Festive Christmas Magnets

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These magnets are made with purchased Christmas Stickers, cardboard and self laminating sheets. A sweet little crystal charm to match has been added to the bottom! These would make great little stocking stuffers for everyone on your list! I made 100 of these magnets for a craft fair. The instructions are for 8 but you can make as many as you want.



## Materials Needed to make 8

- 8 square pieces thin corrugated cardboard 1-3/4" x 1-3/4"
- Square pieces chip board or cereal box cardboard, template provided
- White craft paint
- 8 squares white card stock, 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" You can get 6 squares per sheet
- 8 Squares self-laminating sheets 2-7/8" x 2-7/8", You can get 6 squares per sheet
- 8 squares white sticker paper 1-5/8" x 1-5/8" You can get 30 from one full sheet of sticker paper
- 8 round decorative stickers, 1-1/2" diameter. I used stickers from Oriental Trading in a Christmas theme.
- White PVA glue, I used Elmer's Glue-All Multi-Purpose glue
- Super Glue Gel, I used Gorilla Super Glue Gel
- 8 round heavy duty magnets 3/4" diameter
- 8 pieces Laminate Sheet Square, 1-5/8" x 1-5/8" You can get 35 pieces from one sheet
- Scotch Double Stick Tape, one whole roll
- 8 pieces 20 Gauge Wire 2-1/2" long, silver or gold color
- 8 head pins 2" long in gold or silver to match 20 gauge wire
- 16 small round beads, 4mm diameter or size 6 Seed Beads, clear or desired color
- 8 size 11 seed beads silver or gold color to match 20 gauge wire if the head of your head pin goes through the 4mm hole
- 8 teardrop beads or other accent bead, 12mm x 8mm, I used glass faceted teardrops but you can use what ever you want as long as the size is about the same

## Tools Needed

- Scissors or other Cutting Tools\*
- 1/4" round paper punch if cutting chipboard squares with scissors and not a machine
- Craft Knife or box cutter
- Printer for printing out template
- Craft Brush for brushing on paint
- Some sort of paint palate, piece of cardboard will do
- Toothpick for spreading white glue
- Bone Folder
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters

**Finished Size:** About 3-1/2" x 2-1/2"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Tip when making several at a time.** Work in an assembly line fashion. Follow each step for all magnets before going on to the next step for best and quickest results. There will be steps that need to be allowed to dry or cure before going onto the next step.

### **Instructions**

**Step 1:** I used a thin corrugated cardboard for the front side of my magnets. This cardboard came from corrugated boxes inside packing boxes. They are not your typical mailing boxes that you can get anywhere. The perfect cardboard to use for this step are used Post Office boxes actually from the post office. Please use boxes that have already been through the mail so you are not stealing. Please recycle. You will need to cut 8 squares that are 1-3/4" x 1-3/4". These pieces are an 1/8" bigger than the back side pieces.

**Step 2:** I have provided a template for the back side of your magnets. For each magnet you will use one square that does not have a notch in it and 2 that does. All 3 pieces for each magnet have a hole in the center that is 7/8" in diameter. This is for the magnet to fit into at the very end of the assembly process. After these squares are cut you will be gluing the 3 pieces together.

### **Step 2 a: Without Cutting**

**Machine** Print out your template for the chipboard pieces onto either plain white copy paper or sticker paper if you are cutting the chipboard pieces by hand and you are not cutting them with an electronic cutting machine. I recommend printing them onto a sheet of sticker paper if you have it. Otherwise, you will need to glue the sheet onto your chipboard with

glue stick or spray adhesive. Cut the squares out and to cut the notches and hole out, use your paper punch to get the cuts started, like a pilot hole for the center hole and the punch should fit the notched area. Then use scissors to finish cutting out the center circles.

### **Step 2 b: With cutting machine**

Open the file that works with your machine and cut your template sheet onto a sheet of chipboard. I have provided the file in .svg and .wpc formats. Cut the squares for the backs of the magnets and set them aside.

**Step 3:** Glue the chipboard pieces together to form the back side. Glue the solid back, without the notch, to the other 2 backs with the notches all together making sure to line everything up. The notch is where the spiral of the charm hanger will fit when it is inserted to the back.

**Step 4:** Glue the assembled back centered onto the front making sure the solid side is facing out to make a covered gap where the notch is. You will be sliding the charm hanger into this covered notch.

**Step 5:** Paint the back and sides white, concentrating on thorough coverage on the corners and leaving the center hole unpainted. The paint is to camouflage any parts that may peek through the white card stock that will cover the cardboard.

**Step 6:** Make the charm hanger by taking a 2-1/2" piece of the 20 gauge wire and with your needle nose pliers, make a spiral at one end and a long loop at the other end. The spiral is what will hold the hook in place.

**Step 7:** Dab the super glue gel onto the the spiral of the hook just made and insert it into the covered notch on the back side. Make sure you end up with a loop peeking out straight on the corner of the magnet.

**Step 8:** Cover the cardboard with your pieces of cardstock. Put white glue on the front side of your cardboard piece and spread it evenly all over. Place onto center of cardstock square on a diagonal so the corners of the cardstock are sticking out of each side and the corners of the cardboard are centered on each long side of the cardstock. Secure in place. Allow to dry.

**Step 9:** With the cardboard facing up, place a piece of double stick tape on each flap of the cardstock. Make sure to cover the points. Trim any double stick tape off, of the points, before bending the cardstock over the back side of the cardboard. These tips will be pushed into the center circle. I like using the double stick tape for this because it is an instant stick and I don't need to use clothespins on my work to allow them to dry. With your craft knife, cut a slit from the edge of the circle to the tip of the point to make it look like you have 8 slices. Push these sliced wedges into the center circle. This covers the raw inside edges of the circle for a better more finished look of the final product. Trim corners if needed with scissors.

**Step 10:** To hide the seams just made with the card stock, take a piece of sticker paper, 1-5/8" x 1-5/8" and place it on the center back of your magnet and slice the center like you did the cardstock and repeat with your bone folder to push these tips into the circle. This

will give the back side of your magnet a more professional clean look. You can skip this step if you want to.

**Step 11:** Place a fun sticker on the center front of each prepared piece making sure the loop of wire is at the bottom and your sticker is oriented correctly.

**Step 12:** Wrap the square piece of self laminating sheet over the magnet in the same fashion as you did the white card stock but this time cut out the center circle. Trim corners if needed.

**Step 13:** Make your charm with your head pin, place the beads on the head pin in the following order. Size 11 seed bead, 4mm or size 6 seed bead, teardrop or accent bead, 4mm or size 6/0 seed bead. Cut the head pin to within 3/8" from the top bead and form a simple loop.

Attach the charm to the charm hanger.

**Step 14:** With super glue gel, glue the round magnet into the center circle on back. You just need to put a small dab in the center of the circle, then place the magnet inside. Allow to dry before using.

**Step 15:** Place piece of 1-5/8" x 1-5/8" Square of laminate sheet over magnet to keep it in place and to finish off the back. I suggest this because while I was making my 100 of them, I dropped one on the floor and the magnet came out of the back after it had dried a couple of days. So I put the laminate piece on the back covering the magnet to help keep it in place.

**Notes:** \* I have a Pazzles Inspiration Vue cutting machine. I used my machine to cut out the chipboard pieces. I have provided

the files needed, for cutting machines, on the site. There should be a file format that will work, in your machine, if you have one. If you don't have a cutting machine, you can cut the pieces with scissors and a paper punch. I recommend printing the sheet of templates on sticker paper and layering it on top of your chipboard. This will make cutting them out by hand easier. If you don't have sticker paper, you can use glue stick, white glue or spray adhesive to adhere the template to your chipboard. Some of my squares didn't get completely cut with my machine so I used a paper punch to help me with the circles and notches. Watch the video to see how I used the paper punch to cut out the circles and the notches.

## Project Notes

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