

# Top

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## GET READY

- ✓ Handmade paper in gold, white, red and green
- ✓ Thin gold wire
- ✓ Gold star sequins
- ✓ Glass gems
- ✓ Solvent based glue and PVA glue
- ✓ Gold thread
- ✓ Beads
- ✓ Pliers for wire work
- ✓ Hole punch
- ✓ Decorative edge scissors
- ✓ Foam pads
- ✓ White card blanks

## GO

### Angel

1 Use the templates to cut the angel face, wings, hands and feet from white paper - the hands and feet are made with a hole punch. Cut the dress, arms, hair and halo from gold paper.

2 Stick onto gold paper in the following order: wings, head, feet, dress, hands, arms, hair and halo. Trim the gold paper with decorative scissors and mount onto white paper. Mount onto red paper with foam pads and gently tear the edges for a feathered effect.

3 Thread beads onto a 10cm piece of wire, bend into a heart shape and twist at the bottom to hold the beads in place. Trim excess and attach over the angel's hands. Attach decoration to the card front.

4 Make letters from gold wire, thread a few beads onto each letter and curl the ends to keep the beads in place. Attach to red paper, tear the edge and then attach to the top of the card.

5 Stick a Christmas peel-off onto red paper, tear the edges and attach to the bottom of the card.



Ready-made decorations are great for topping off quick cards but if you want to get a little more crafty have a go at creating your own! Rachel A Hyde shows you how.

### Christmas tree

1 Draw a Christmas tree onto green paper making sure it's the same height as your card front. Line the tree up with the right edge of the card and draw around it. Cut around the right half of the tree as shown.

2 Cover the left of the card front in gold paper then stick the green Christmas tree in place, lining it up with the shaped edge you have just cut. Decorate the tree with gold thread, coloured gems and a sequin star.

3 Use the template to cut a Christmas tree from green paper. Mount onto gold paper, trim with decorative scissors and then mount onto red paper. Trim to size and decorate the tree as before.

4 Attach the decoration to the front of the card with foam pads.

### SOURCE

Paper from Cardcraft Plus Ltd (Tel: 01772 272572) or log onto [www.cardcraftplus.co.uk](http://www.cardcraftplus.co.uk). Jewels and wire tools from Lakeland Ltd [www.lakelandlimited.com](http://www.lakelandlimited.com). All other items widely available.



Christmas tree



Angel



Once you've mastered the two cards here why not have a go at making these decorations?

