Christmas Crafts for Seniors

25 crafts with supply lists. Tick the ones you plan to run.

Quick and low-mess (20 minutes or less)

	Craft	Supplies	Time	Best for
[ ]	**1. Pre-folded paper snowflakes**	Printer paper folded in advance, loop scissors	15 min	All groups
[ ]	**2. Paper chain countdown garland**	Red and green paper strips, glue sticks or tape	20 min	All groups
[ ]	**3. Shatterproof ornament fill**	Clear plastic fillable ornaments, ribbon scraps, tinsel, shredded paper	15 min	Memory care with support
[ ]	**4. Felt ornament collage**	Pre-cut felt trees, stars and circles, felt scraps, glue sticks, ribbon loops	20 min	All groups
[ ]	**5. Snowy pinecones**	Clean, dry pinecones, white acrylic paint, sponge brushes, a bowl	20 min	All groups
[ ]	**6. Stamp-and-sticker cards**	Pre-folded blank cards, holiday stamps, ink pads, stickers, markers	20 min	All groups
[ ]	**7. Tissue-paper star suncatchers**	Clear contact paper, cut tissue-paper squares, star-shaped paper frames	20 min	Memory care with support

Ornaments to keep or give

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[ ]	**8. Painted wooden ornaments**	Unfinished wooden ornament shapes, acrylic paint, brushes, paint pens	30 min	Assisted and independent living
[ ]	**9. Photo-frame ornaments**	Small cardboard or wooden frame ornaments, copies of photos, glue	25 min	All groups

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[ ]	**10. Recycled Christmas-card ornaments**	Old Christmas cards, a circle template or 3-inch circle punch, ribbon, hole punch	25 min	All groups
[ ]	**11. Yarn-wrapped craft-stick stars**	Craft sticks glued into stars ahead of time, colored yarn	30 min	Assisted and independent living
[ ]	**12. Salt-dough ornaments**	Flour, salt, water, cookie cutters, a rolling pin, paint	2 sessions	Independent living (supervised)
[ ]	**13. Clove-studded orange pomanders**	Fresh oranges, whole cloves, a wooden skewer to start holes, ribbon	30 min	Assisted and independent living
[ ]	**14. Recipe-card ornaments**	Cardstock tags, pens, ribbon	20 min	All groups

Decorations for your community

	Craft	Supplies	Time	Best for
[ ]	**15. Ribbon-tie wreath**	Wire wreath frame, ribbon or fabric strips cut to 8 inches	45 min (group)	All groups
[ ]	**16. Silk-greenery centerpieces**	Silk greenery, artificial berries, plastic containers, floral foam, battery tea lights	30 min	All groups
[ ]	**17. Plastic-jar snow globes**	Clear plastic jars, waterproof figurines, distilled water, a little glycerin, glitter, waterproof glue	30 min	Assisted and independent living
[ ]	**18. LED lantern jars**	Plastic jars, tissue paper, glue sticks, battery tea lights	25 min	All groups
[ ]	**19. Door-wreath decorating day**	Plain wreaths, bows, ornaments, name tags	45 min	All groups
[ ]	**20. Group “giving tree” mural**	Large paper tree on a wall, paper ornaments, markers	All month	All groups

Gifts and giving back

	Craft	Supplies	Time	Best for
[ ]	**21. Watercolor-resist cards**	Watercolor paper cards, white crayons, watercolor paints, brushes	30 min	All groups
[ ]	**22. Gift tags from old cards**	Old Christmas cards, tag template, hole punch, ribbon	20 min	All groups
[ ]	**23. Knit or crochet hats and scarves to donate**	Yarn, needles or hooks, simple patterns	Ongoing	Experienced knitters
[ ]	**24. Holiday family recipe booklet**	Recipe cards, a hole punch, binder rings or a stapler	2 sessions	All groups
[ ]	**25. Cards for patients or service members**	Blank cards, stickers, pens	30 min	All groups

Safety

Plastic, not glass. Battery tea lights, not candles. No small pieces (beads, cloves, buttons) in memory care. Salt dough must never be eaten. Hot glue is staff-only.