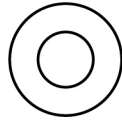
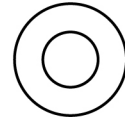


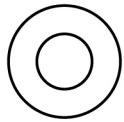
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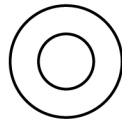
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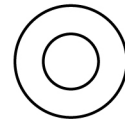
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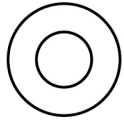
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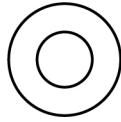
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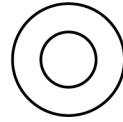
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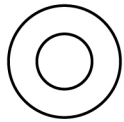
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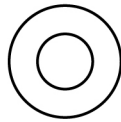
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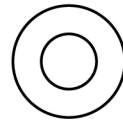
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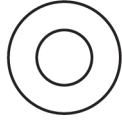
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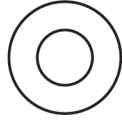
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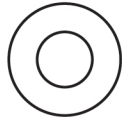
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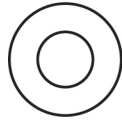
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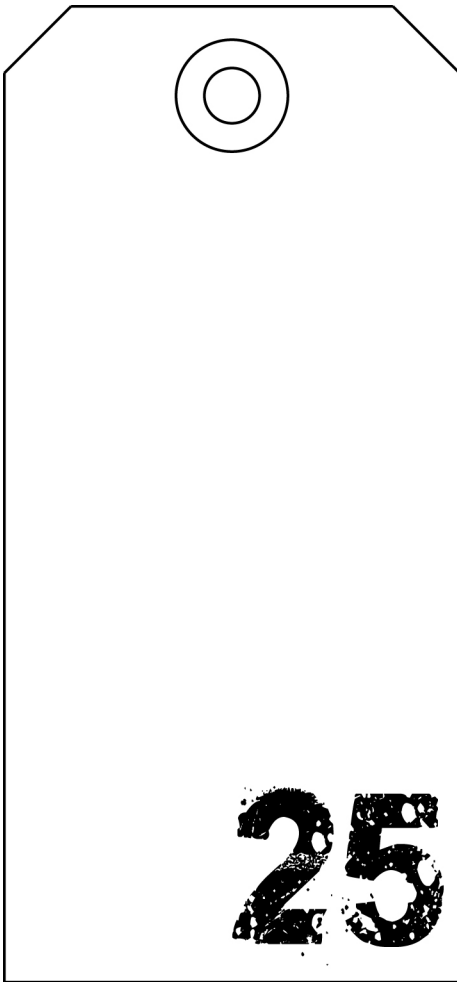


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Advent Art Challenge with Laura Kemshall



Welcome to the DMTV Advent Art Challenge! We hope you'll be able to find a few minutes each day during the Festive season to decorate a tag. Hang the completed tags on a string to make a wonderful artsy garland to decorate your home.

1. Print the pages of tags. We'd recommend printing them onto heavy card or even watercolour paper so that you can then use all manner of painting techniques if you want to!
2. Cut the tags out carefully.
3. Decorate the front and back of each tag using your favourite art techniques. Here's a reminder of some of our ideas to help get you started:

- Stay traditional and use the theme of the Nativity for your tags, Wise Men, Gold, a Star, shepherds and animals.
- Go for festive florals, ivy, holly, poinsettia, mistletoe, Christmas trees, berries.
- Food! Record all your favourite festive treats, mince pies, Christmas cake and puddings, stollen, turkey, sprouts. You could even note down a Christmassy recipe for each day.
- Get frosty - icicles, snowflakes, snowmen
- Christmas carols, favourite festive songs - I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas, Jingle Bells...
- Use Christmas motifs - gifts, crackers, baubles, tinsel

You can use any techniques to decorate your tags. Why not apply a wash of paint to lose the white? Apply layers of colour or metallic gleam with spray paints. Add motifs with stamping, print or collage. Use fine metallic pens to draw detail or add text.

Tie each of your completed tags to a ribbon or piece of coloured string and display in your home!