

## Victorian Christmas Craft Ideas

### Decorate, decorate, decorate!!!

#### Christmas Fans

Cut squares of fancy papers, wrapping paper works well. Pleat into fans; fasten at the bottom and use ribbons or lace to make a hanger to hang from the tree.

#### Cornucopia

Using tag board or heavier wrapping paper, form cones. Punch a hole at the seam of the cone at the open end and use a ribbon to make a hanger. Decorate with laces, ribbon, paper scraps, etc. Fill with wrapped candies and put tissue paper at the opening to keep the candy from falling out. Hang from the tree.

#### Crackers

Take a roll of cardboard (toilet paper tubes work well). Fill with fortunes, small treats, folded party hats. Wrap with length of decorative paper, making sure that the paper extends out over the end of the roll. Tie at either end with ribbons. Use as place cards on the table or at your festive meals.

#### Hanging Decorations

Take images from old Christmas cards, images of Victorian Christmas scenes, etc. Mount on tag board slightly larger than the image. Trim with laces, ribbons glitter, etc. Attach a ribbon to use as a hanger. Hang from tree or attach to long lengths of ribbon and put around doorways.

#### Pine Cone Santa Claus

Take five large pinecones, two for the arms, two for the legs and one for the body. Glue them together, adding wire if needed to make them sturdy. Using heavy cardboard or wood, shape boots with a pointy top, and stick them into the ends of the cone used for legs. Glue the head and hands on-wooden beads work well for the head, just add the features and wool or flax for the hair and beard. Cutting out mitten shapes can make the hands. Make a small cap.

Put a belt around the waist of dry moss, and wrap a scrap of wool around the neck for a scarf. Make a tag board basket to put on his back, add small trinkets if there is room.

