Pine Cone Christmas Ornaments

Materials:

styrofoam egg (2 5/16" by 3 1/16")

48 squares of 2 1/2" of fabric (16 squares each of 3 colors)

straight pins (1 1/16") approximately 170

2 pearl or decorative straight pins

ribbon: 2 pieces about 3/4" wide by 6" long

1 piece about 3/8" wide by 24" for the hanger

To fold each square:

Fold a square in half, wrong sides together. Hold it with the fold at the top.

Fold the top 2 corners to the center to form a triangle.

When pinning the triangle onto the styrofoam egg, the folded side will go against the egg. Fold the squares as you need them.



Short cut hint:

Cut a 2 1/2" strip WOF of each color. Fold the strip in half the long way and iron. Cut into 2 1/2" pieces. This way all your squares are already folded!

First Row: (Each folded square is secured to the egg with two pins.)

Starting at the bottom of the egg, pin one folded triangle so that the point is at the point of the egg.

The second folded triangle should be placed opposite the first one. You can overlap these two pieces just a little so that the styrofoam won't show when it's finished.



Add 2 more triangles:

Place the next two triangles between the first two. Secure each with 2 pins. There will be "wings" sticking out from the triangles; overlap these and secure these down with pins. You now have one complete row of 4 triangles!



Second Row:

Add 4 more triangles, continuing with the same procedure. Add each one so that their points are on the dividing line of the first row. Each triangle is secured with 2 pins and their "wings" are pined down.



Third and Fourth Rows:

Put two more rows on, pining each triangle in place and securing the "wings" down. You have used 16 squares to create the bottom of the cone.

Second Set of 4 Rows:

Change colors and add 4 rows. As you reach the middle of the styrofoam egg, you may need to stretch the fabric to at the bottom of the triangle to reach around the circumference.



Third Set:

Change colors once again but add only <u>3 rows</u> of triangles. There should be 11 rows of triangles and a small white square showing at the top. You should have 4 more fabric squares left. Do not fold these squares! (If you used the shortcut, iron the last 4 pieces out flat.)



Finishing:

Place one square over the white opening and secure with 4 pins.

Continue placing the other 3 squares on top of the previous ones, rotating each one and securing with 4 pins except the last one. Secure it with only one pin in its center.





Ribbon hanger:

Crisscross the two short pieces of ribbon and lay them across the top of the ornament securing them with a pin in the center.



Use the long piece of ribbon and create a loop for a hanger securing it with two ornamental pins.

Variations:

Use only 2 colors for a different look.



Use a larger cone (2 7/8" by 3 13/16") but you may need to use 5 rows of each color and really stretch the triangles around the circumference.



These make great gifts for those special people on your Christmas list - hairdressers, nail technicians, newspaper delivery person, letter carriers.

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