

Macaroni Photo Ornaments

Supplies you will need:

- macaroni
- plastic lid from container of sour cream, yogurt, or ricotta cheese - you get the idea
- cardstock or any stiff paper
- spray paint - I used gold, but it's your choice of color
- photos - preferably wallet sized
- ribbon
- glue and scissors

Directions:

1. First cut a hole in the middle of the plastic lid for your photo to show through. I found a glass that fit over my photo and then traced around that on the plastic lid so I got the size correct.
2. Then trace around the outside of the lid on the cardstock paper and cut out the cardstock. This will be your backing paper, so it will look nice and put together.



3. Cut two small pieces of ribbon. Tie one into a bow. Use the other piece of ribbon to create a loop and hot glue the two ends together, this will be used to hang your ornament.

I chose different colors of ribbon to coordinate with the photos, but you could choose ribbon to coordinate with your tree colors or anything else.



4. Then let the kids glue "piles" of macaroni on the inside of the lid to create a border for your picture.

Excess is best here so give your kids free reign. This is one of the reasons my three year old LOVED this project - glue everywhere.



5. Once the massive amount of glue has dried completely, take the lids outside and spray paint them. I used a satiny gold color, but again you could choose whatever you like. Cover every nook and cranny from all angles, except the backside.



6. Once the paint has dried, you can attach the photo to the cardstock circle, then attach the back of the macaroni lid to the cardstock. The point is to sandwich the photo between the plastic lid and the cardstock.

7. You can glue the ribbon loop in between the plastic and the cardstock at the top so you have a loop for hanging. You can also add the ribbon bow anywhere you would like on the front of the ornament.



8. When it's completely dry you are ready to hang on the tree or wrap it for a present.. Just be sure it's REALLY dry, see the bottom of this ornament, some of the pasta fell right off because the kids were a little impatient.



Then you're done!