Christmas Basket Ornament Instructions

You will need the following from home:

- printer and cardstock (white or colored); scissors
- crayons or markers (Crayola markers were not available until 1978.)
- pipecleaner
- hole punch
- strip of craft foam, self-adhesive preferable (optional); may need glue
- stickers (optional)

Instructions:

1. Print the basket template on white or colored cardstock.

2. Punch a hole in each top corner of the basket where you see the dots.

3. If you have craft foam, cut a piece long enough to fit across the width of the basket below the holes. (Look at the samples.) If you have self-adhesive craft foam, peel off the back of the foam strip and position it on the basket. Otherwise, glue the foam strip to the basket.

4. Decorate your basket with crayons or markers. Apply Christmas stickers, if you like.

5. Gently slide the ends of the pipecleaner through the holes on the basket. Bend the ends up, then twist the ends around the pipecleaner. (Gold was the traditional handle color but any color may be used.)

Historical Background:

This basket ornament was inspired by a basket ornament dating from the early 1900s. Such basket ornaments were still popular in the late 1920s.

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