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## Christmas Sock Monkey Ornaments

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# Christmas Sock Monkey Ornaments

## Basic Sock Monkey:

Light brown, mix a 1 1/4" ball of White with 7/8" ball of Brown.

1. Roll ball of light brown into cone shape. Insert straight pin halfway into top of body (fig. 1).

2. Legs/Arms: Roll two 1/2" balls of light brown into 1 1/2" logs. Roll four 5/16" balls of White into logs. Attach to ends of light brown logs. Roll slightly to even up logs. Cut logs in half. Attach to body (fig. 1).

3. Tail: Roll 7/16" ball of light brown into 1 1/2" long log. Roll ball of White into a log. Attach to one end of the log. Attach tail to body.

4. Head: Roll 3/4" ball of light brown. Press two black seed beads into head for eyes. Use toothpick to make squint lines. Mouths: Flatten White 1/4" ball into oval. Press to head and center below eyes. Flatten a Red 1/4" ball into an oval. Center on mouth. Use toothpick to draw smile.

5. Ears: Roll two 3/16" balls of light brown. Flatten slightly. Attach to head at eye level. Use paintbrush end to indent each ear.

fig. 1



## Christmas Lights Sock Monkeys:

1. See Basic Sock Monkey instructions.

2. Hat: Roll 3/4" ball of Green into a cone. Use blunt end of paintbrush in center of the hat. Widen hole to fit over the head. Attach to head. Brim: Roll 3/16" diameter White snake. Flatten slightly. Press brim around the hat, starting from the back. Curl end of hat. Pompom: Roll 5/16" White ball. Press to the hat end. Insert eye pin to the top.

3. Attach head to top of the body and bake. Cool. Use blunt end of paintbrush and white paint to paint dots on hat. Drape Christmas lights and glue (E6000).

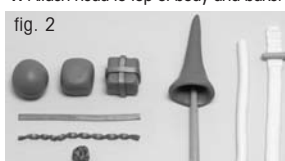
## Sock Monkey with Present: (fig. 2)

1. See Basic Sock Monkey instructions.

2. Present: Roll a 3/4" Green ball. Shape into a box. Ribbon: Flatten sheet of Gold in pasta machine, #5 setting (1/16"). Cut two 1/8" wide strips. Drape over box. Cut excess. Bow: Cut 1/8" X 2" strip. Twist ends. Gently roll. Attach to present. Bake. Place into hands of unbaked sock monkey.

3. Hat: See Step #2 Christmas Lights Sock Monkey (use Red clay).

4. Attach head to top of body and bake.



## Sock Monkey with Candy Cane:

1. See Basic Sock Monkey instructions.

2. Candy Cane: Roll a 5/32" diameter by 3" long log of both White and Red. Twist together and bend into White and Red. Twist together and bend into candy cane. Cut candy cane to 1" long (fig. 3). Bake. Cool. Place in hands of unbaked sock monkey.

3. Hat: Roll 1/2" ball: Green, Red and White. Roll each into a snake. Twist three snakes together. Roll into a ball and then a cone. Use paintbrush end in the center of hat to widen hole to fit over the head. Attach hat to head. Pompom: Roll a White 5/16" ball. Press onto hat end. Insert eye pin to the top. Bake.

## Notes:

- Bake sock monkeys at 275F (135C) degrees for 45 minutes. You can use a coffee cup to help prop up during baking.
- Attach ribbon when sock monkeys are cooled.
- Size dimensions given for "balls" are diameters.

fig. 3



## Materials:

- Kato Polyclay™ (3 oz. pkg.):  
Red #12303  
Green #12308  
White #12309  
Brown #12317  
Gold #12391

• Kato Nublade™

- Straight pin
- Toothpick
- Paintbrush
- Red ribbon
- Circle template, optional

## Each Sock Monkey:

- (2) black seed beads per monkey
- Eye pin for hanging

## Additional Material:

- Christmas Lights Sock Monkey: miniature Christmas lights, white acrylic paint and E6000 glue.
- Present Sock Monkey: pasta machine or Kato clay roller.

- Conditioning: To condition clay by hand, cut 3oz. bar into (8) cubes. Soften each cube by squeezing opposing sides with fingers. Roll into a ball - then a snake shape. Fold in half. Then knead until soft and pliable.
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