

Handmade

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I love things that are handmade, especially when it revolves around Christmas things. Everything from decorations to presents! Handmade things return us to simpler times and give us such pleasure. That's why I think this makes a great party theme.

What a great time to get together for crafting or even exchanging homemade gifts.



Christmas Event Concept: Handmade

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women's ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event.* More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but *less is always more* for ministry event

Theme Title Ideas

- A Creative Christmas
- A Handmade Christmas
- A Homemade Christmas
- Chat, Craft, & Celebrate
- Christmas Traditions
- Christmas, Cookies, & Crafting
- Crafting with Friends
- Crafty Christmas
- Creating Christmas
- Creativity from the Creator
- Handmade from the Heart
- Handmade Holidays
- Handmade Holidays from the Heart
- Handmade Living
- Homemade with Love
- Make Mine Handmade
- Oh What Fun! Craft Party
- Simply Homemade
- Tailormade
- That Handmade Touch
- Willing Hands
- Willing Hands and Warm Hearts

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on sharing the Christ of Christmas.
- Focus on God our Maker.
- Focus on giving from the heart.

Theme Verse Suggestions

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:10 (KJV)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 (KJV)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14 (KJV)

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 139:14 (KJV)

Devotional Starters and Workshop Ideas

- Focus on being “handmade” by God.
- Download the Cozy Christmas Devotional Ideas
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/cozy-Christmas-devotional-writing-prompts.pdf>
- Download the “All Around the Manger” Devotional Ideas
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/devotional-starter-All-Around-the-Manger.pdf>
- “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” Devotional Ideas
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/handouts/group-shares/DEVOTIONAL-IDEAS-winter-wonderland.pdf>

Simple Decorating

- Christmas decorations
- Trees
- Wreaths
- Paper snowflakes
- Paper chains
- Any Christmas decoration that is handmade (or looks homemade and crafty)

Icebreakers

Use any type of Christmas game or icebreaker. Here are a few to download.

Ornament Game

What Does an Ornament Do?

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/WORD-SEARCH-ornament.pdf>

What Does an Ornament Do? Answer Key

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/ANSWER-KEY-ornament-word-search.pdf>

Gift Passing Game

Have a pass the gift game such as a *left/right* game.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/gift-passing-games.pdf>

More Christmas Games

Christmas Charades Ideas

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-Christmas-Charades.pdf>

Ugly Sweater Christmas Game

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-Ugly-Sweater-Christmas-Game.pdf>

Christmas Discussion

Start some Christmas table talk.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/ICEBREAKER-Christmas-Chatter-Questions.pdf>

Music

- Christmas carols
- *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Alexander)
- *All Creatures of Our God and King* (St. Francis of Assisi)

Favor Ideas

- Homemade ornaments
- Homemade gift tags
- Homemade anything packed up with string or bows (cookies, jams and jellies, lip gloss, body scrubs, wrapping paper, candles, etc.)
- You could skip the "favor" and just do an ornament exchange.

Door Prize Ideas

- Christmas decorations
- Sewing kits
- Pincushions
- Fabric tape measure
- Handmade gifts (perhaps use some of your crafty ladies to make these)
- Gift certificate to a craft store such as Michaels or Hobby Lobby

Just for Fun

Have an Ornament Exchange.

If you do a "handmade" exchange, give an *out* for those who won't do homemade by asking them to purchase a crafty looking ornament for the exchange.

Make a Christmas craft or cooking project together.

Homemade ornaments, wrapping paper tags and bows, Christmas cards, food gifts such as jams, hot cocoa mix, gifts in a jar, etc., or homemade skin care products. (lip gloss, body scrubs, etc.)

Christmas Sharing

Share ideas for homemade gift wrapping, decorating, or even holiday recipes.

Creativity Sharing

Invite those with creative skills to share their handmade creations and a little about their hobbies.

Handmade or Craft Sale

Have a craft fair/sale to help out individuals in your group for extra money or to go to a good cause.

Food and Serving

- Homemade Christmas cookies and treats

Photo Sources

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Thanks for stopping in. If you have any other ideas for a handmade Christmas party, please leave them in the comments.

Creative blessings,

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