

HOW TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY ANGEL

If you do not have an angel or ornaments for your Christmas tree, you will have to make your own.

PAPER PLATE ANGEL

You will need a paper plate, crayons or coloring pencils, a coffee mug, a quarter, scissors, and glue or tape.

1 Draw the angel.

In the center of the paper plate, trace the circumference of the mug for the wings and trace the quarter on the top inside edge of the first circle for the head, as shown. Draw in the shoulders freehand.

2 Cut on the bold lines as illustrated.

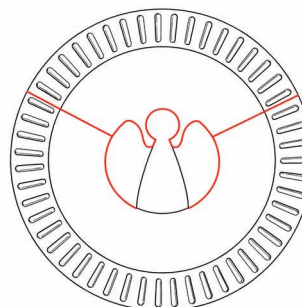
Keep the body attached to the skirt. The upper portion will fall away.

3 Decorate the angel with crayons or colored pencils.

4 Overlap the edges of the skirt behind the angel's back and tape or glue into place.

If you have no tape or glue, cut two vertical slits: one at the top of the left side, the other at the bottom of the right. Interlock the two sides.

5 Set the angel atop the tree.



front



back

Cut a paper plate along the highlighted lines. Fasten the edges of the skirt behind the angel's back.

ALUMINUM FOIL ANGEL

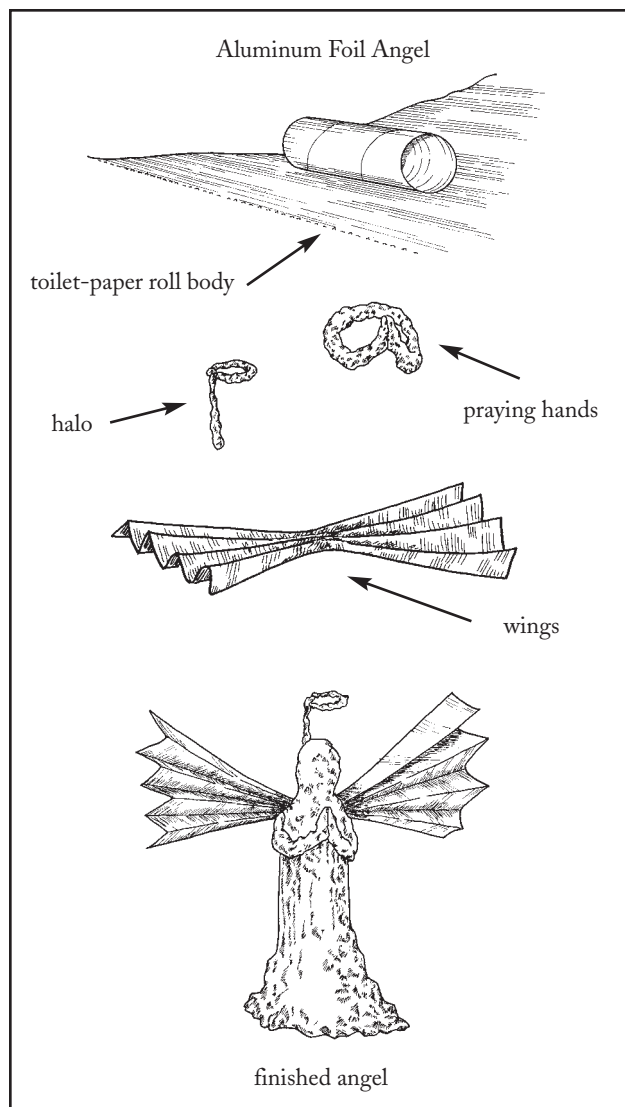
You will need aluminum foil and a toilet paper tube.

1 Make the wings.

Cut a piece of foil approximately a foot and a half long. Fold it lengthwise like a fan, in alternating directions as illustrated. Hold the fan together in the center and spread out the foil in a wing-like manner.

2 Make the body.

Cut another piece of foil the same size and wrap it around the toilet paper tube, aligning one end of the foil with one edge of the tube; let the rest hang off. After rolling the tube in the foil, bunch the extra foil at one end to form the head. If the head seems too small, wrap another piece of tin foil around it to enlarge.



3 Make a skirt.

Tear a strip of foil approximately five inches wide and wrap it around the tube to form a skirt. Bunch the skirt together in the back to hold it in place.

4 Make a halo.

Tear a thin strip of foil. Make a ring at one end with the trailing piece coming straight down. Press the trailing piece into the crevices of the angel's head at the back.

5 Make praying hands.

Tear another thin strip of foil approximately eight inches long. Wrap it around the angel's body, near the top of the tube. Press the ends together to form praying hands. Tear off any excess.

6 Attach the wings.

Center the fan on the angel's upper back and press into the foil below the head to attach.

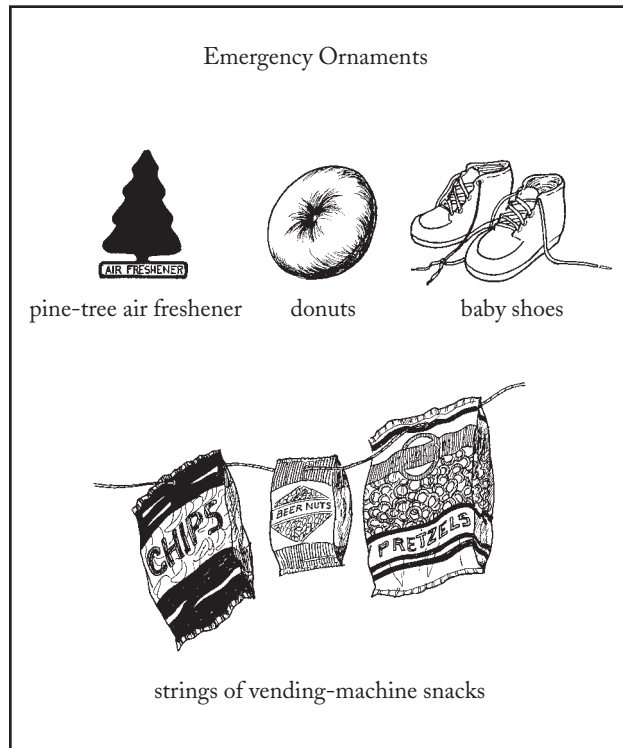
7 Set the angel atop the tree.

ALTERNATIVE ORNAMENTS

Readily available items from home or a convenience store can be used as ornaments in an emergency.

- CDs—free-trial Internet providers' CDs or old music CDs create glittery reflective surfaces.
- Costume jewelry—earrings, brooches, and rings for ornaments, necklaces for tinsel.

- Clothing—scarves, lace undergarments, and anything for infants, especially hats, gloves, and shoes.
- Bread products—bagels or powdered-sugar donuts (around branches); white bread shaped into animals, balls, snowmen, or Santa; cookies; and fruitcakes (sliced).
- Lapel buttons—political or rock-and-roll pins, stuck or clipped to branches.



- Fruits and vegetables—jalapeño peppers, cherry tomatoes, zucchini, pearl onions, garlic cloves, and olives (with or without pimiento).
- Photographs—pictures of your family, photos of someone else's family or of celebrities torn out of magazines.
- Snack foods—vending-machine-sized bags of chips, cookies, and candy, strung together.
- Air fresheners—automobile fresheners, shaped like pine trees, in a variety of colors.
- Gumdrops or gelatin-based candies—hung individually, strung together, or licked and stuck together in festive shapes.

Be Aware

- Perishables such as lunch meats, cheeses, and giblets pose potential health risks, and therefore do not make good decorative items.
- Use tape, grocery store twist-ties, paper clips, or thread if you do not have hangers.