

INSTRUCTIONS: Hot Air Balloon

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A great addition to your tree, and ideal as part of your Advent Calendar Village, these Hot Air Balloons are a cinch to make in minutes!

Supplies:

- A round Christmas ornament, about 3"
- Basket printable provided here, print onto card stock weight paper for best results
- Aileen's Tacky Glue or Zots
- Clear filament
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- About 1 yard of thin, flat ribbon
- Tiny embellishments, optional

STEP 1

Cut out a basket and hole punch the four places where the ribbons will attach. Glue sides, making a basket shape.

STEP 2

Set your ornament, hanger side down (bottom side up), into a bottle neck, so you can easily work on it. Try to get it centered well, with the hanger pointing straight down.

STEP 3

Take about 18" of clear filament and center it on the top of the ornament. Lightly tape it to the ornament, just right and left of the center. This holds it in place as you attached the ribbon. The tape will be removed once the ribbons are attached and dried.

STEP 4

Cut an 14" piece of ribbon and find the center by folding in half. Place a Zots dot or glue that center point to the center of the bottom of the ornament, over the filament and perpendicular to the filament. Glue another inch or so on each side of center or take a Zots dot and stretch it along the path where the ribbon shall lay, so it is secured to the top about 2 - 3".

STEP 5

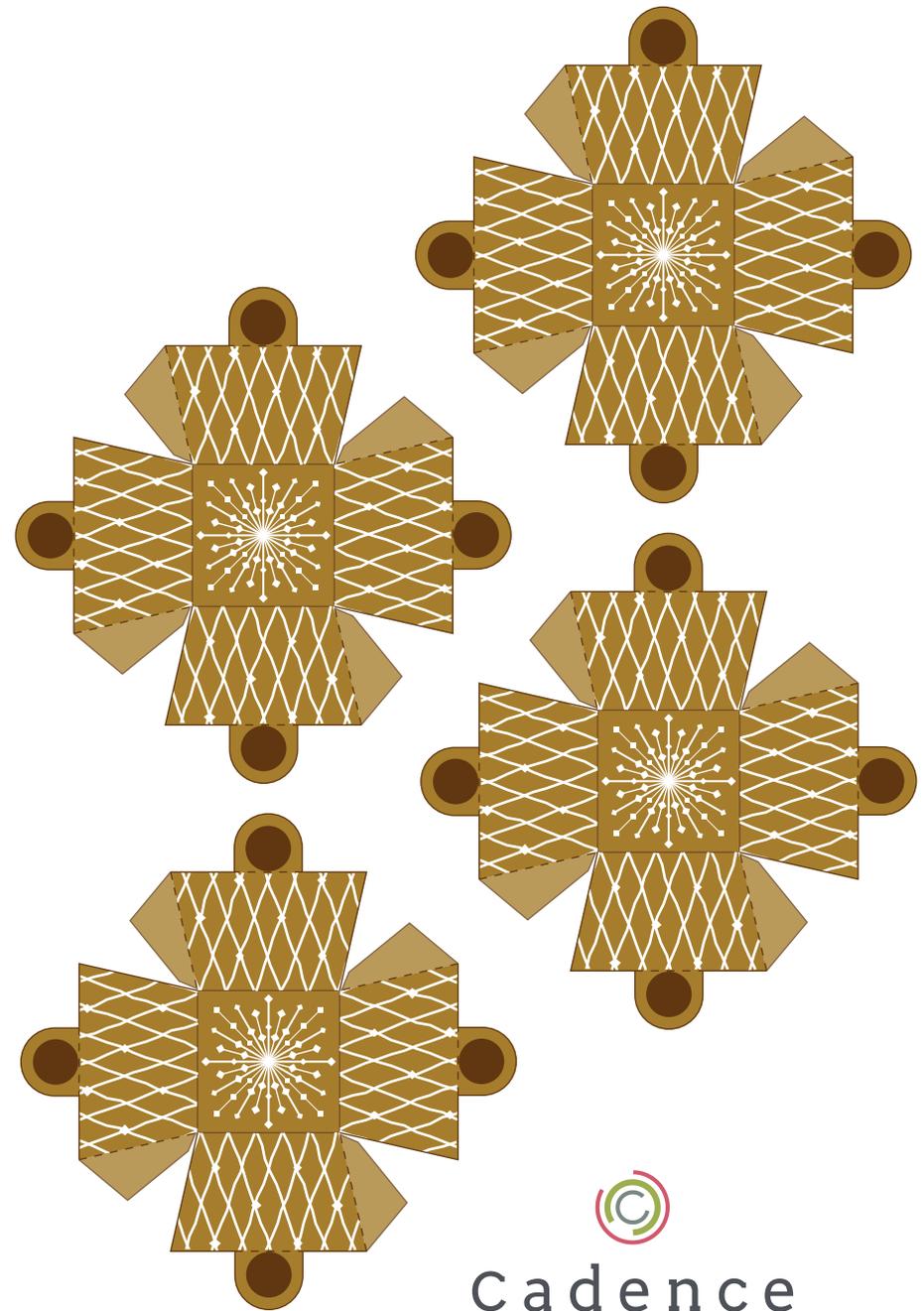
Once the glue on the ribbon is pretty dry (if you're using glue), tie the filament over the ribbon to make a knot. You will use this filament to hang the ornament from a tree, allowing the Hot Air Balloon to float "invisibly" in the air.

STEP 6

Glue another piece of ribbon onto the top, on top of, and perpendicular to, the first glued ribbon and let dry, or use the Zots to attach the second ribbon. You can knot the filament again.

STEP 7

Attach the four ribbon ends to each of the four basket holes by looping the ends through the holes, then fold the ribbon back to align the pieces together and use Zots or glue to secure the fold in place. Make them even so the basket hangs straight, and glue or tie each so it is secure. Trim excess ribbon. You can add a tiny embellishment at each of these four points if desired.



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