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*Don't let time be your excuse.  
Don't say you don't have time for the things you truly wish to do.  
It might be easy to blame a higher power for what you haven't achieved...  
But it's not about time; it's about choices.*

*We all have the same 24 hours each day.  
What we do with them is up to us –  
whether we let them slip away or fill them with what brings us joy.  
The one thing we can't do is turn back the clock...*

*So thank you for choosing to spend your time with my book. I deeply appreciate it.  
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radice*



# Introduction



Let's be honest: Not every Christmas is the same. The commercialized versions? They're hardly the real thing. You can't just "order" joy, after all. You have to feel it...

But I understand — it's hard to believe in miracles when the weight of obligations piles up, stress drags you down, and all around you hear, "I just can't wait for the holidays to be over!"

It can make your heart feel heavy. Why do we keep clinging to traditions and norms that often bind us more than we realize, often to our own detriment? Christmas doesn't have to follow the rules.





Sometimes, in our rush, we end up doing the most ridiculous things: We freshen the toilet with pine forest scents or crawl around on all fours searching for crumbs under the rugs from the previous summer. I remember my mum once even frying schnitzels for Christmas Eve in dish soap! She didn't notice that the liquid she poured into the pan was meant for something else entirely. It only dawned on her when it began to foam strangely. That's how out of sorts she was.

And yet, they say Christmas is a holiday of peace and comfort. How wonderful it would be if that were truly the case! But if we wish for it hard enough, it can be so.

It's up to us, just like everything else in life! Christmas will be exactly what we make of it. So be willing, and don't be afraid...



Why not shape it entirely your way, tailored to your heart, so you never forget it?

Go for it! After all, the best things in life come from our own efforts. So why not take a moment to pause, sit back, and start by creating something with your own hands that brings you joy?

That familiar “do it yourself,” or “DIY” as we call it today, still holds true in every aspect of life. It's the best way to make things happen just the way you envision.

So, above all, I wish you courage!

Lucka



# Glass Lights



## You will need:

three jars  
(I used jars from jam, pickles and a wine bottle)

wood round

pruning shears

various natural products (I used thin branches, bladdernut, hazelnuts)

moss

pine cones

ribbons with Christmas design

coloured trims

string in natural and white shades

hot glue gun

short, battery-operated LED light string

buttons and other decorations (I used wooden stars, a bark heart and a plaster snowflake)

tea lights



**1** Use pruning shears to cut branches to approximately 5 centimetre long pieces.

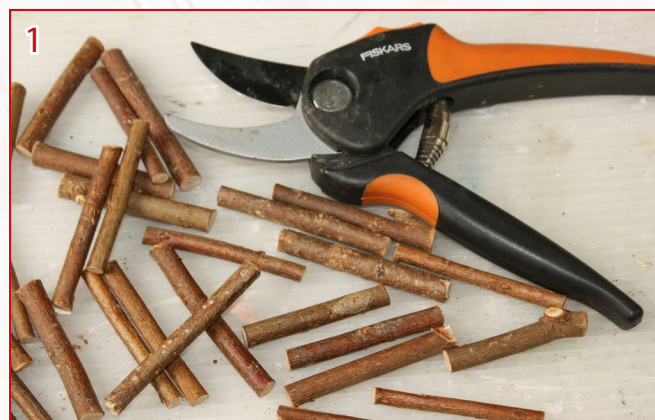
**2** Wash the jars and the bottle and polish them well. Then, fill each jar and the bottle with different natural products.

**3** Since a tea light cannot be placed in the wine bottle, add the short light string to the contents of the bottle.

**4** Then, wrap the jars and the bottle with various Christmas ribbons, coloured trims and strings. Tie the ends together or glue them with a hot glue gun.

**5** Also, glue the buttons on and decorate the lights with a bark heart and a plaster snowflake.

**6** In the end, add some moss and pine cones to the wood round and arrange the jars and the bottle to create a pleasing display.





# Keg Light

You will need:

metal beer keg

pliers

screwdriver

larger file

thin black marker (washable)

stitching awl

rubber mallet

cloth

rust-resistant paint

white paint for metal

foam roller

electrical tape

safe LED with a switch





**1** Use the screwdriver and the pliers to remove the red stopper from the keg and extend the hole so that the LED cable can be pulled through as needed.

**2** Clean the edges of the hole – smooth them thoroughly out with a file and fold the metal sheet around the hole



inwards with pliers for increased safety. The edge must be round so as not to cut through the LED cable. For increased safety, wrap the hole with electrical tape.

**3** Use a black washable marker to draw patterns on the keg – I drew houses and a night sky.







**4** Punch holes, one by one, using the stitching awl and the rubber mallet. It's best to work sitting, holding the keg between your knees. Be patient; punching takes time, but the outcome is worth it.

**5** As soon as the patterns are finished, wipe the marker lines off with a cloth. Then, use the foam roller to paint the entire keg with rust-resistant paint; leave to dry.

**6** Then, paint the keg white (or spray with a car paint). When applying paint with the foam roller, work with smaller amount; when the first layer is dry, add two more layers of paint. If you use a brush, the paint will clog the punched holes. This also happens with the roller from time to time but it can be fixed by using less paint. When dry, simply punch through any blocked holes with the awl. In the end, push the LED light into the keg through the hole in the back and enjoy it.

### Tip

If you use metal cutting snips to cut off the top of the keg, you can place a candle inside.



# Moss Wreath 'Sweet Harmony'

You will need:

round wreath ring (I used a straw ring)

thin binding wire (I used green)

smaller pliers

scissors

various strings, ribbons, yarns and hem tapes

fabric or wider ribbon with a chequered pattern

white and pink felt (I used dish and floor cloths)

hot glue gun

various buttons and beads

threads

needle

pencil







**1** Gradually wrap moss around the straw wreath ring, securing it in place with thin wire as you go.

**2** Ensure thorough coverage of all areas where the wreath ring is visible. Use different types of moss to enhance the wreath's visual appeal.

**3** Once the ring is entirely covered with moss, wrap strings, yarn, ribbons, or hem tapes around it as desired.

**4** Use a pencil to outline hearts of different sizes on the felt and chequered fabric.





5 Cut out the heart shapes with scissors and arrange them to your liking, first the larger ones, then the smaller ones.



6 Sew buttons onto the arranged hearts.

7 Attach the prepared heart shapes to the wreath using the hot glue gun. Decorate the ribbons and other areas to your liking by adding beads.





# Bundt Pan Candle Holder

You will need:

bundt pan

some paper

moss

metal candle holders

four candles

whole hazelnuts and star anise

wider ribbon with a chequered pattern

some narrow ribbons, laces and strings

various beads, buttons and small decorations

hot glue gun

scissors

