

4x4 Reindeer

You will need:

4x4 pieces approximately 6 to 7" in length

Small twigs; two per 4x4 (antlers)

A small piece of ¼" or ½" craft board or similar thin lumber from which to cut noses

Craft paint and brushes

Optional decorations:

Short pieces of green from an imitation garland; wrapped into a circle and secured they form a wreath to place over the deer's neck

Narrow ribbon with a tiny round bell to tie around the deer's neck.

4x4 pieces are easily cut by someone who has a drop saw. Or, purchase a 6 foot 4x4 and ask the lumber yard to cut it into 6" pieces. They will gladly do this and you will get 12 reindeer!

Drill 2 small holes into the very top of the 4x4. The "antlers" will fit into these.

Participants paint the deer and while it is drying, they can paint the nose. While both pieces dry, artists can make the wreath and choose a ribbon on which to thread the bell.

Once the paint is dry, the nose can be glued on. Lay the body on its side so the nose will be pointing up when glued in place. Direct participants to place a small amount of glue on the nose and spread it thin. Press the nose to the face and leave it several minutes to set. Once the nose has dried in place, add the antlers and the ribbon. (This can be tied on with a dollop of glue to hold it in place.) Loop the wreath over one antler and the masterpiece is finished! Now the deer just needs a name.

