

Transcript for **DIY Christmas decorations**

Charlie: Merry Christmas, FoodTube! I'm Charlie from Jamie's food team. Here are my top three thrifty decorating tips.

Tip 1: Popcorn tinsel

Popcorn tinsel: easy, fun and cheap! So, bowl, caster sugar, mixed spice and just mix it up! Popcorn, popped, and give that a good cover up. Also going to make my tinsel a little bit more colourful with some dried cranberries and now I'm going to thread it. It doesn't have to be perfect. You can do any pattern you want. You can do long ones, you can do short ones. So there we go. Popcorn cranberry tinsel. Have a go!

Tip 2: Dried fruit

My favourite decorating tip is dried fruit. Put your oven on. Start slicing. You could probably dry out most fruits using this method. If you don't have a non-stick baking tray, then use some baking parchment. Then place your fruit ... just straight on. Just pop them in the oven for two to three hours, a hundred degrees centigrade, two hundred degrees Fahrenheit. Look how beautiful they are! Ribbon and just poke them through. Tie a knot. This is so easy, so easy and really, really nice. I'm just going to hang that on the tree. I think they look prettier than baubles. Or you could go to do garlands and rather than hanging them on the tree you could hang them around your fireplace, up your banisters, just around pictures or mirrors. Really, really pretty!

Tip 3: Napkin rings

Why not make your own napkin rings? I'm going to use just these little chillies, a couple of rosemary sprigs. Just get a little bit of thread and you are just tying them together. Find a lovely piece of ribbon. Tie your string. Just a couple of knots. So there we go, you just need to attach it to my napkin. Tie it round. Really colourful napkin holders. You can use anything, go outside, find some ivy, some holly, anything you like. If you've got any tips then please leave in the comments box below and don't forget to subscribe to FoodTube. Have a Merry Christmas!