Christmas Lights Fingerprint Ornament

Today I am going to share a Christmas Lights Fingerprint Ornament with you. It's a really cute, simple, quick, and EASY gift idea for your students this Christmas season! The weeks leading up to Christmas are stressful for teachers. On top of everything, many teachers like to squeeze in a project for students to create for their families as a gift. Since we know parents absolutely treasure these keepsake gifts, finding something adorable, easy, and cheap can be tricky. I made this Christmas Lights Fingerprint Ornament with my 8 month old last week. It turned out so cute that I knew I had to share it with my teacher friends!

Let's get started. You'll want to gather a few simple supplies before you get started.

I used the Crayola Finger Paint for our Christmas ornaments. I loved that it was washable. It was also easy to wipe the paint off the plastic ornament with a wet rag if we made a mistake. You will also find that you only need a TINY amount of paint, so a little will go a long way!

Once you have all of your supplies, it's time to get started creating your Christmas lights fingerprint ornament!

Tip: Don't worry about making the wire look perfect! Let your students have fun drawing squiggly lines around the ornament. I connected my wire by drawing it completely around the ornament.

STEP TWO:

Using the finger-paint, press fingerprints onto the ornament to create Christmas lights.

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Tip: Make this step easier by having students put ALL of their red fingerprints onto the wire, then ALL of their blue fingerprints onto the wire, and so on. You can use whatever colors you would like. I stuck to the basics and used red, yellow, blue, and green. Students can help each other by working in partners for this step. One student will hold the ornament and rotate it as the other student presses their fingerprints on to create the Christmas light bulbs.

STEP THREE:

Allow the ornament to dry. Create a place for the ornament to dry by using an egg carton. Or, you can cut off the top of a plastic cup.

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STEP FOUR:

Use the permanent marker to write the child's name and the year on the ornament.

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I wrote Sawyer's name and the current year onto the ornament with a black permanent marker to create a keepsake gift.

STEP FIVE:
Tie yarn, twine, or ribbon to the top of the ornament to create a hook. Add a gift tag, if you wish.

After you add a hook made out of yarn, ribbon, or twine, you can choose to add a cute gift tag to your Christmas ornament. I created the gift tags above, which say, "Have a BRIGHT and Merry Christmas!" You can download these gift tags for FREE by clicking HERE or on the graphic below:

Now you have an adorable Christmas gift for your students to take home to their families or loved ones! We made an ornament for our own tree to remember Sawyer's first Christmas, and one for both grandparents as gifts. We know they will love pulling it out every year to hang on their trees!

Thumbprint Christmas Light Ornament Website Link

* I found this alteration if you wanted to fill the ornament with something. *

After the paint dried, I added the year and tied a ribbon to the keepsake thumbprint Christmas ornament so it could be hung on the tree.

I liked the ornament clear, but she wanted to stuff her thumbprint Christmas ornament with faux snow. We used the fluffy stuff because we had it on hand from another project anyway. I think it would have been super cute filled with tinsel too, but we didn't have any on hand.

Creating this adorable thumbprint Christmas ornament literally took us less than an hour to complete, but we'll be able to enjoy it for years to come. She's growing fast and it won't be long before we're looking back at this day and marveling at how little her thumbs were!

Website link for this idea