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CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

featuring *Arlene Horiuchi*
Oct 7th - 7pm



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Get a head start on holiday sparkle with Arlene Horiuchi. She will be demonstrating a beautiful Holiday Tree from a foam/styrofoam cone and your stash of buttons, bangles, and beads (or wine corks, wooden spools, costume jewelry, etc.)

Now, your quarantined home can look like you shop at Pier 1!

About Arlene

I have an education degree and taught for a year, then worked at several different jobs, finally ending at my family's painting contracting business handling all the office tasks. When my children were little, I would go to all the craft fairs to search out treasures and began a Christmas collection of handmade ornaments, Santas, Angels and even Snowmen. Each year for the past 30 years I took them out to display for a month. Lately, the packing and unpacking has become tiring so I have pared down my Christmas decorations to the delight of my husband, the minimalist.

The embellished tree that I share with you is a result of an annual gathering I have with old college friends where we do a craft while eating & catching up with each other. These projects have been multiple types of wreaths, topiaries, & the jeweled trees. I share this with you, not as a professional, but an occasional once a year crafter.

EMBELLISHED STYROFOAM TREE

SUPPLY LIST

- 12" Styrofoam cone (you may find various sizes at Ben Franklin, Amazon, etc)
- Mardi-gras beads/lace/ribbon to cover tree
- glue gun
- Embellishments (buttons, trims, old jewelry, shells or your choice)
- Segmented container (muffin tin, egg carton, etc) to pre-sort your embellishments
- **HELPFUL TO HAVE:**
 - Tweezers
 - Lazy Susan: turn cone without handling
 - Pearl Stick pins

PROCEDURE

1. Preplan Project: color scheme or random layout
 - Select your top
2. First, cover cone with your beads, lace or ribbon using glue gun
 - start from bottom of cone
 - if using lace or fabric make small pleats to allow for decrease in cone
3. Attach embellishments, again starting from bottom
 - if you have a set of 5 buttons, randomly attach them throughout the tree
 - continue to fill spaces and attach large to small progressing to top
 - if you want to place garlands, you can put them in now and create areas to fill OR add in the end on TOP

PROGRAMS NOTES: 1 - To enter ZOOM meeting, contact Lei Batty at hsfagzooms@hsfag.com by October 6th.