



Quick Beaded Balls

Just a few simple craft-store materials are transformed into festive decorative orbs you can hang from a tree, set on a holiday table, or use in a floral arrangement. This is a quick Christmas project suitable for kids or adults (or both!).



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Materials:

- small Styrofoam® balls (floral foam balls)
 - Kreinik double-sided tape (we like 4" x 6" pieces and the 3/4" roll)
 - micro beads in gold and red (and separate containers to hold them)*
 - Kreinik 1/8" Ribbon in 003 Red, 002 Gold
 - Optional: other Kreinik threads, like a small Bag O' Bits, Kreinik 1/16" Ribbon in 235 Christmas or 203 Flame, Kreinik Medium #16 Braid in red or gold, etc
- * alternate option: red or gold sand



Instructions:

1. Wrap the foam ball with the double sided tape. Remove the red liner as you go so you can layer the tape to make sure all surface areas of the ball are covered. When taping is complete, make sure all of the red liner has been removed.
2. Wrap the ball with the Kreinik Ribbon (or other Kreinik threads as desired).
3. Pour the micro beads into a container (keep the colors separate), then roll the decorated foam ball into the beads. Press beads into the tape to make sure they adhere. Cover all exposed sticky tape areas with beads.



Finishing:

If desired, use extra 1/8" Ribbon to make an ornament hanger: fold about a 10-inch length in half, secure the middle to the top of your ball with a pin, then tie the loose ends into a bow.



Side note: These colorful ornaments were made by the Kreinik staff for their annual charity tree (auctioned for charity in the Parkersburg, West Virginia area). Great job!