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Freebie #50 The annual Christmas cracker template

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CHRISTMAS CRACKER FUN FOR ALL

Add a unique touch to Christmas with these fun DIY Christmas crackers

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MATERIALS

- Ribbon (I used curling ribbon this time, but raffia works well too)
- Tissue paper (I find tissue paper breaks easily vs paper)
- Toilet roll for each cracker (or make one from light card sized 10cm by 20cm, roll around a toilet roll and then tape to size)
- Cracker snaps (from most craft stores during Christmas or online)
- Glue stick/sticky tape to assemble cracker and crown
- Chocolates/lollies/fat free confetti for each cracker (optional, but hey, it's Christmas)
- Toy for each cracker (optional, I like to use balloons and mini bubble tubes)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Follow steps 1 to 4, starting from page 2.
2. Wrap the toilet roll with tissue paper and stick on the cracker wrapper
3. Assemble your crackers remembering to insert the above materials, that is:
   - Joke
   - Crown (best loosely rolled rather than folded)
   - Snap (for that fun pop!)
   - Toy and don't forget the chocolate!
4. Close the cracker by tying ribbon at each end.
5. Hide from the kids (big and small) before the big day.

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Step 1: Cut and insert one joke into each cracker.

What did the English teacher call Santa's helpers?
Subordinate Clauses.

How do Christmas trees get their email?
They log-on.

Knock, knock! Who's there? Yah. Yah who?
Wow, you're really excited about Christmas!

Why do reindeer wear bells?
Because their horns don't work!

How does Christmas day end?
With the letter 'Y'!

How is Christmas exactly like your job?
You do all the work, and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

Knock, knock! Who's there? Howard. Howard who?
Howard you like to sing Christmas carols with me?

What should you give your parents at Christmas?
A list of what you want.

What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs?
Candy canes.

Why is everyone thirsty at the North Pole?
No well.

How did the reindeer learn to play piano?
He was elf-taught.

What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot?
"Get out of my face."

Where does Santa stay on vacation?
At a ho-ho-ho-tel.

Why did the reindeer get a bad report card?
Because he went down in history!

PS. For cartoon jokes download prior templates in 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013

Step 2: Print crown to pop into each cracker.

Cut out along the straight and zig zag dotted line to create two strips. Glue one end to another and then roughly measure your head to glue both ends to make a crown fit for a king.

Note: To save ink I've made a hat which has a white background. But for a splash of colour, you can print onto coloured paper. I find that B&W print on coloured paper looks best.

Step 3: (Cracker wrapper on next sheet) Print and cut vertically to make three wrappers to roll around your cracker.

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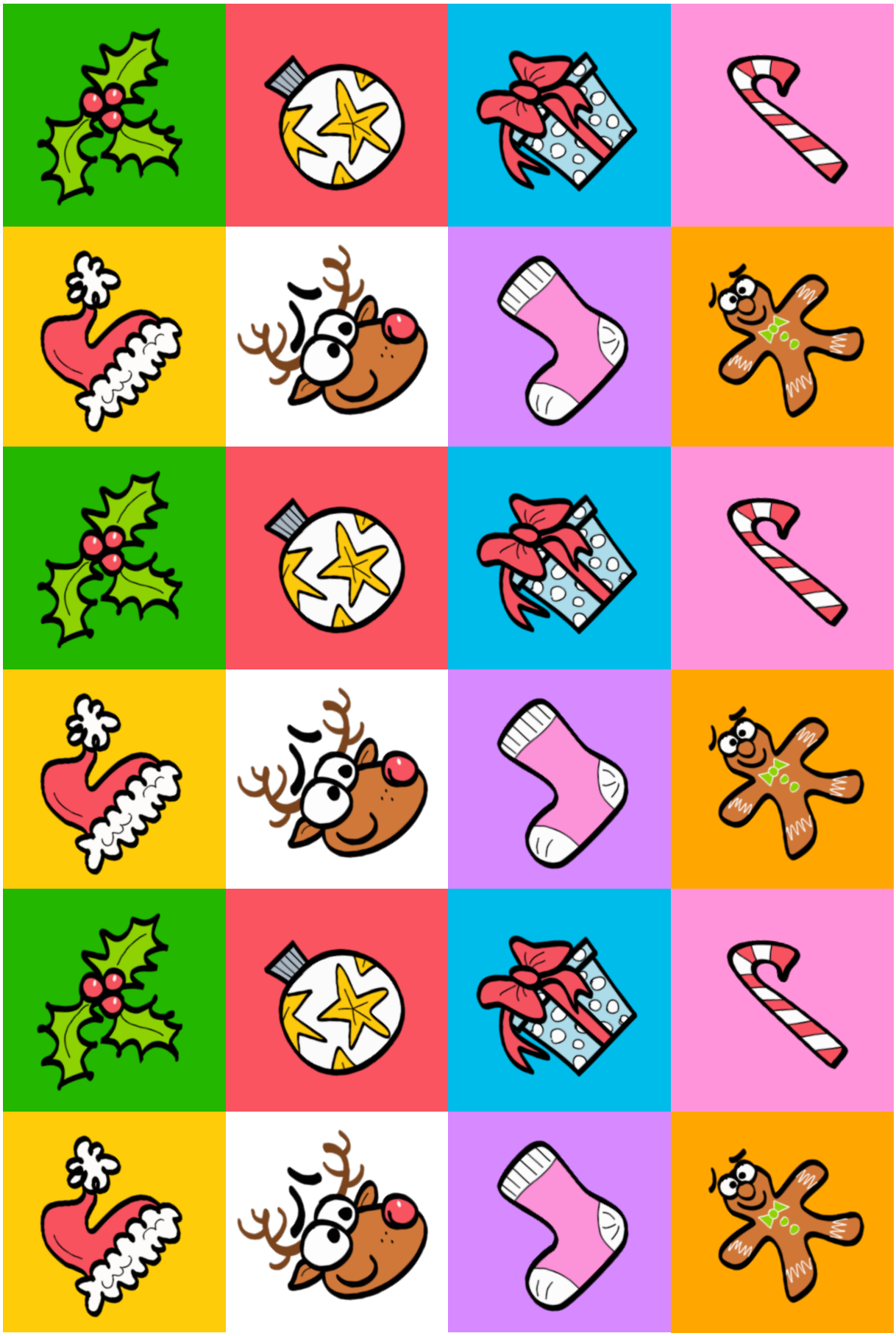
Step 4a: Optional - Print out tags for each cracker so you can personalise the contents
Simply cut and use a hole puncher to cut out a circle in the top left hand corner of the square



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