



CANDY CANE CRAFT WRITING INSTRUCTIONS

Kids like this lesson because they get to make an ornament for their Christmas tree.

Here are the steps:

First, have the students make their own candy cane ornament.

1. Give each student a pipe cleaner and red and white beads.
2. Ball one end of the pipe cleaner.
3. Fill the pipe cleaner with a pattern of the red and white beads.
4. Ball the other end of the pipe cleaner.
5. Gently, bend the top to form the candy cane.

Second, have the students write out the instructions on how to make the ornament.

1. Write the title on the first line in the center.
2. On the next line, left side, write a question about Christmas crafts or ornaments for the tree.
3. Write the word MATERIALS on the next line, left side.
4. List the materials (pipe cleaner, red and white beads)
5. Skip a line.
6. On the next line, left side, write INSTRUCTIONS or STEPS
7. Encourage young writers to write 4 steps. Have them use the words, First, Next, Then, Last.

For example:

First, get a pipe cleaner.
Next, ball the end.
Then, put on the beads.
Last, ball the end.

8. Encourage older writers to elaborate their instructions with details. They can also use the words, First, Next, Then, Last.

Here's a detailed example:

First, take a red, green or white pipe cleaner. Tightly bend one end several times to form a ball.
Next, put a pattern of red and white beads on the pipe cleaner. The pattern can be red, white, red, white or three reds, three whites. Any pattern works! Leave an inch of pipe cleaner empty at the end.
Then, bend the inch of pipe cleaner to form a ball.
Last, shape the beaded pipe cleaner to look like a candy cane.

9. Write a conclusion that encourages the reader to make the candy cane craft.