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Here are the instructions for the Village picture ornaments on the trees at the Cincinnati Gathering.

What you will need:

Multiple Village catalogs

3/16 " white Foam core board

Freezer paper

Sharp scissors

Pencil

Rubber cement

Hole punch

Twine (comes in colors in Craft shops)

Scroll saw or Xacto knife



I used 16 foam core boards for 9 trees, so I would say 2 boards per village. It depends on how many pictures you cut out.

Cut out pictures of desired buildings, leaving about 3/16 border. Does not have to be perfect.

Place pictures on white foam core, facing up. Leave about 1" space between them to allow for cutting.

Draw a rough pencil line around each picture. Remove 3 or 4 pictures, and place them upside down on the freezer paper. (Use the dull side of the paper).

Brush a light coat of rubber cement inside the pencil outlines and on the back of each picture. Allow to dry completely. Then place your pictures in the appropriate pencil outlines. Smooth down with your fingertips.

Rubber cement is a contact cement, so it isn't very forgiving. But don't worry, if you goof, there are a lot more pictures to get it right!

Continue until you have all your pictures cemented down. Then take your fingertips and roll the excess cement off of the board.

Two of our club members cut all the finished pictures out on their scroll saws. Leave about 1/4" border. You can also use an Exacto knife, but it would be labor intensive.

Once all ornaments are cut out, punch a hole in the top and tie a length of twine for hanger.

I hope you enjoy this project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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