Christmas can pull on the purse strings in more than one way. What with the presents, parties and Christmas dinner and that's before we start thinking about decorations.

However decorating your home for Christmas does not have to cost the earth. In fact you can find lots of creative craft items on your door step for free.

Twigs can be turned into shabby chic Christmas trees and stars that hang decoratively from the ceiling can be attached by glitter pipe cleaners. Make them even more festive by spraying them with snow spray and glue, holly and red berries or hang baubles or pictures from them for a more personal touch.



Conkers and pine cones can be glitter sprayed to make a table centrepiece. Simply place them in a bowl with old baubles. As an alternative pine cones can be decorated with pieces of old scrap material and beads.



Alternatively or additionally Christmas wreaths can be easily constructed using natural materials found in your garden. Such as twigs, leaves, cones, berries. They can be used in their natural form or sprayed with gold/silver paints. Glitter spray or glue and icing sugar for a snow effect.



Whatever you choose to make, remember to have fun! And have a Happy Christmas!!!