

## Chrismons

- Explanation

Chrismons were first made by Francis Kipp Spencer at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia. She also invented the word, Chrismon, which is a combination of hrist and monogram (meaning symbol). The idea quickly spread to other churches. Traditionally Christian groups make their own Chrismons using their favorite Christian symbols. Many churches have a Christmas tree in the sanctuary that is totally decorated with Chrismons.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical color for the Christmas Season. Gold symbolizes the majesty and glory of Jesus.

You will find pictures of symbols and explanations of the symbols online at:  
<http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons.shtml>.

- Materials

- U Construction paper – yellow and white
- U Poster board or card stock
- U Ribbons, glitter, beads, sequins, etc.
- U Glue
- U Scissors

(Many people cut the symbol shapes out of Styrofoam but the simple paper ones can be just as beautiful.)

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