

## Nutty Little Elves

### **Materials:**

Ballpoint pen  
Peanuts in the shells  
Brown pipe cleaners cut into 3-inch pieces  
Colored pipe cleaners  
Craft glue  
Mini googly eyes  
Pom-poms in assorted colors and sizes  
Fine-tip markers  
Scissors  
Felt, assorted colors  
Craft sticks  
Toothpicks  
Candy canes  
Ribbon

### **Instructions:**

1. Use the end of a ballpoint pen to poke 4 small holes through each peanut shell, 2 for the arms, and 2 for the legs.
2. Push a 3-inch piece of brown pipe cleaner through one armhole, then out the other for arms.
3. Push another piece through one leg-hole and out the other.
4. Wrap a small piece of different-colored pipe cleaner around the bottom of each leg for elf shoes.
5. Give the peanut a face by gluing on a set of googly eyes and a mini pom-pom nose, then draw on a mouth with a marker.
6. For an elfin cap, cut out a long, thin colored felt triangle with a base no longer than 2 inches, glue together the other sides, and attach it to the peanut elf's head.
7. Cut the point off the hat and glue a mini pom-pom to the top.
8. Now give the elf some props: a pair of craft stick skis and some toothpick poles, or candy cane cargo.
9. For the finishing touches, glue a small loop of ribbon to the elf's hat to hang him on the tree.