



Mrs. Obama's Meaningful Hanging Envelope Ornament

Many First Lady ornaments are designed with the intention that the American people will reproduce them in their own homes. Below is Coleen's list of preferred working materials. At the end of the list she offers possible substitutions.

For the Ornament:

- 12" x 12" piece of colored card stock paper
- 16" piece of twine
- Ribbon - your choice of width: 5", 6", 8" and about 12" in length.
 - *Does not need to be wired*
- Embellishments to decorate:
 - Possible ideas: Holiday package tags, recycled holiday card, buttons, bows, etc.
- Scissors
- Hot glue
- Hot glue gun

For the Insert:

- Nice sheet of writing paper with or without envelope

- Optional:
 - Candy cane
 - Small holiday decor:
 - Possible ideas: piece of greens (artificial or real), artificial flower, small item of holiday decor (i.e. tiny plastic snowman)

Alternative Materials:

Paper Options: Parchment also works well for this craft. You can also use wrapping paper but it will not give you the same stiff structure.

Twine Options: You can also use yarn or any type of thin fabric chord. This will be the "handle" to hang the ornament on the tree.

Hot Glue Options: Hot glue dries very quickly and is preferred. However, you could also use double sided tape, glue sticks, or even plain tape. Of the three listed above, plain tape will be the most difficult to work with.

White glue can be used, but there will be longer drying times and drying times between steps.