

How to...



Create mini Christmas trees

All you need is string, glue, paint and recycled packaging to craft these Christmas decorations. You can decorate finished trees with paper stars and mini LED lights.

What you need

- Thin card (A4)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- A thin plastic bag
- 6 metres of string
- PVA glue
- A glue brush
- Paints

TOP TIP

Put a string of battery mini LED lights or an LED tea light inside the tree to light it up.



1 Curl a piece of thin card into a cone and secure it with tape. Trim the card to make it an even shape with a straight base.



2 Cut to size a thin plastic bag or food packet to cover the cone. Stick the edges with tape, tuck the ends inside the cone or cut off the extra bits.



3 Cut six metres of string. Brush glue over the cone and coil the string around it. Start from the base and work up. Press the string so it sticks.



4 Keep winding the string up and down the cone with more glue until you reach the end. It's fine to leave small gaps and overlap the coils.



5 When the glue has completely dried, carefully twist the string tree and lift it off the plastic bag and card cone.



6 Paint the string tree green or use your favourite colour. You could even leave it plain for a more natural look.

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