



## PINE CONE REINDEER

Christmas is just around the corner, so it is time to start getting into the festive spirit!

Winter walks are a lot of fun, whether in the woods or the local park. If you're out and about and find what looks like a Christmas tree, chances are you will probably find a Pine cone nearby!



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This Christmas why not try to recycle it into an awesome reindeer...





### What you will need:

- Long brown pipe cleaners
- A pine cone
- Brown oblong bead

### Additional materials:

- Gold paint and brush
- red sequin/pom pom
- colourful pipe cleaners/string



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### Now its time to get started!

1. Cut a brown pipe cleaner in half, wrap one piece around each end of a pinecone, bending the pipe cleaners into legs.
2. For the neck and head, fold a pipe cleaner in half, then in half again. Push the two middle folds into an oblong wooden bead until the pipe cleaner just pokes through (making a nose).
3. You'll have a folded loop and two ends sticking out of the other end of the bead: Bend the two ends up for the antlers. Bend the loop down and slip it onto the end of the pinecone for the neck. If needed, use hot glue (an adult's job) to secure the loop.
4. Add points to the antlers by twisting on short lengths of pipe cleaner.

And there you have it, an easy to make Pine cone Reindeer!





### **To make your Reindeer extra special:**

- add a red sequin to the nose so your reindeer looks like rudolph!
- At the start you can paint your pinecone gold to make it extra festive.
- You can twist colourful pipe cleaners/string around the cone to make it look like your reindeer has a jumper!



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### **Things you can do now:**

- Spread the word, we want to see your projects on social media #NatureVolunteers
- Try making more christmas decorations - check out our other posts or find your own online!
- What other materials can you find outdoors which you can recycle?

