



RUSTIC TWIG TREES

Start a new tradition this year by hand making Christmas tree decorations. You don't need to buy anything extra, just use what you have in the house and can find outside!



These Christmas tree decorations are easy, free and fun to make and can bring those personal touches to your tree this year.

What you will need:

- Cardboard (or a lollipop stick)
- Twigs (roughly the size of a pencil)
 - Plasticine
 - Pen/Pencil
 - Glue
- Sequins and glitter



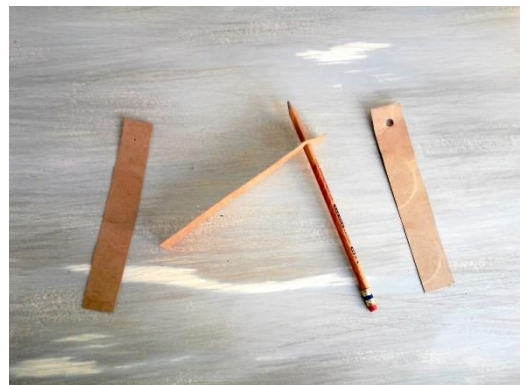


How to make it:

1. (An Adult will need to do this step)
Place the twigs on a baking tray. Pre-heat oven at roughly 100°C. Place the baking tray with twigs into the oven for 45minutes to kill off any critters/germs.



2. You will need to cut a piece of cardboard (from a cereal box or use some that you have lying around). Cut the pieces 15cm x 2cm. Place the plasticine 1cm down from the top and push a pencil through to create a hole (remove plasticine).



Alternatively, use a lollipop stick.

3. Wrap a piece of string or pipe cleaner through the hole and make sure you've knotted tightly. (If you've used a lollipop stick, tie a loop with string and glue the knotted end to the top of the lollipop stick)
4. Now, take your twigs and break them so you can create a triangle (horizontally place long twigs at the bottom and the shorter twigs across the top).
5. Once you've got the tree shape you want, glue each stick down and wait for it to dry.





There you go! You should have a rustic looking twig tree which you can hang as a Christmas decoration.

To make it look even more exciting, we recommend adding glitter and sequins to make it really stand out. You can even paint your tree too!



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?

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