

Village Christmas Tree

Here are some suggestions of tree decorations which might survive the outdoors weather on our community Christmas tree. Rather than buy new plastic decorations we would love to decorate the tree with repurposed; upcycled or handmade decorations. Here are a few examples but please feel free to create your own!

We would ask you to drop your decoration off at the collection point at Intrepid, the Forth Inn or the Pier Cafe before 4 December.

How to make felt baubles

How long will it take?

10 mins per bauble.

What you need

Felt

Glue or a needle and thread

Ribbon (try trims on old dresses and pieces used to wrap presents)

Hanging loop (the kind found in tops and dresses)

What to do

- 1.** Draw out a circular template on a piece of felt (I used the bottom of a glass).
- 2.** Cut out strips from another coloured piece of felt or ribbon.
- 3.** Glue the strips in place on the bauble.
- 4.** Sew or glue on the loop (used to hang the decoration).

How to make pom-pom baubles

How long will it take?

20 minutes per bauble.

What you need

Thin card

Wool

Hanging loop

What to do

1. Take two pieces of card and draw out a doughnut shape on each one (I used a pound coin and small glass). Cut out the templates.
2. Put the templates together and start to wrap the wool around them. Use two different coloured bits of wool, if preferred.
3. Keep wrapping until you can't push the wool through the middle of the cardboard doughnut.
4. Cut the wool around the outer edge of the donut.
5. Split the two bits of card and tie a piece of wool around the middle.
6. Tear off the card and attach the loop (or a piece of ribbon).
7. There you have it, a fluffy Christmas bauble! Do trim it if it looks slightly uneven - but that can be part of the charm.

Confused? Follow [this great pom-pom tutorial](#).

Paper Mache Christmas Tree Ornament

Materials for Homemade Ornaments

- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Flour and water
- Paintbrush
- Green watercolor (We used liquid watercolors.)
- Brown construction paper
- Glue
- Hole punch
- String or yarn Any other embellishments you might want (glitter, sequins, gem stickers, enamel dots, pompoms etc.)
- Sealant

Directions for Homemade Christmas Tree Ornament

1. Start by mixing your flour and water paste. Combine 1/2 cup flour and 1/2 cup warm water. Stir until smooth. (You can even use a hand blender if you want your paste really smooth)
2. Cut out two triangles from the newspaper. You want them to be identical so cut them at the same time by stacking the two sheets of newspaper together before you cut.

3. Use a paintbrush to spread a thick layer of paste onto one of the newspaper triangles.
4. Put the second triangle on top of the paste so both newspaper triangles are glued together.
5. Now you're ready to mold your Christmas tree and give it some texture! Use your thumbs and index fingers to pinch and scrunch the Christmas tree until you like how it looks. Let it dry overnight.
6. Once the tree is completely dry, paint it using the green watercolor. Don't worry about covering each and every crevice with green, the white areas give it a unique look! Let the paint dry. (Optional: If you want to seal your ornament, this is the time to do it. Be sure your paint is completely dry. Spray your ornament with the sealant, sprinkle on any glitter you want, and let it dry.)
7. Add your embellishments. We used brown construction paper for a trunk and punched out a yellow star from some scrapbooking paper. On one tree we added some white paint for snow. On another tree we used enamel dot stickers for ornaments.
8. Punch a hole through the top of the tree and tie some string through the hole. Now you're ready to hang your paper mache Christmas tree ornament!



HOW TO MAKE RUSTIC TWIG CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

SUPPLIES

- Thin branches or twigs
- Garden shears
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Twine
- Sharpie
- Buttons



INSTRUCTIONS

Star Ornament

To make the star ornament trim 5 twigs to equal length with your garden shears.

Begin with two twigs, over lap them in an upside down “V” shape. Using hot glue attach the two twigs at the top as pictured.

Get another twig and attach on top of the first two twigs going across diagonally.

Continue adding your twigs until the star is complete.

To reinforce the point of each star, take a short length of twine. Hot glue it to the back side of the ornament at one of the points. Wrap around 3-4 times then hot glue the end of the twine to the back of the ornament. Trim any excess.

Take another small length of twine, form a loop and hot glue the two ends to the top point of the star at the back. This will be for hanging the ornament on the tree. Trim any excess.

Snowflake

To make the Snowflake ornament begin with 1 long twig and 6 shorter twigs of equal length. Lay the long twig up and down. Arrange smaller twigs around longer one to form snowflake. Begin attaching smaller twigs to large one in the center.

Wrap twine around the center of the snowflake to reinforce. Next decorate the center of the snowflake using sprigs of pine and buttons.

Cut a short length of twine, form a loop and glue to the back of the snowflake at the top for hanging the ornament.

Dried Orange Slices

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Cloves

A knife

Twine or ribbon

Slice an orange into round slices 1-2cm thick; create a pattern by poking some cloves into the slice - repeat with other slices. Pat dry with a clean tea towel. Place on a cooling rack over a metal tray in the oven at a low heat to dry out (3 hours at 120) turn over every half hour if possible. Alternatively use a baking tray covered in baking parchment.

