

RUSTIC TWIG TREES



AGE RANGE: All ages – younger kids may need some help

TIME NEEDED: Under 30 minutes

MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED:

- Twigs or sticks of any kind, as long as they are roughly the same thickness.
- Clippers or very sturdy scissors for trimming the sticks
- Hot glue gun with glue
- Any kind of string that you like
- Any kind of embellishments that you like, such as buttons, pompoms, dried berries, or just scraps of fabric or paper.

STEPS:

1. Trim your sticks to the right size for the tree that you want to create. Lay your sticks out in the shape of your tree, and make sure all the corners are touching.
2. Put a small bead of hot glue at each corner and allow the glue to cool for a few minutes so that the tree is held together. Then turn the tree over and add a few more beads of glue to strengthen the bond. Allow the glue to cool completely.
3. Beginning at the bottom corner, place a little bead of glue and place the end of the string into it. Make sure it is secure as the glue cools because this will be your anchor for you string.
4. Slowly flip the tree over and begin winding the string in a spiral around the tree. At each corner where the string touches the stick, add a little bead of glue just under the string. This will keep it from slipping around. The string should be just tight enough to hold itself in place, it does not need to be super tight.
5. When you get to the top of the tree, simply keep rotating the tree and wind your way back down in whatever random pattern looks good to you! Secure the string with a bead of glue at the bottom corner of the tree, then trim the string after the glue has cooled.
6. Add a few decorations with a bit of glue. [i.e. little buttons, little dried leaves, bits of lichen, etc.]
7. Use some twine to make a loop and then glue it to the top of tree to make these into Christmas ornaments!