

Fan-fold Christmas Tree

This is a cheap and very effective Christmas decoration. The younger children might need a little help with the folding and unfolding.

Equipment

Wooden kebab skewer

Paper (we used green paper, but you can use anything - even newspaper)

Hot-melt glue gun (or sticky tape and Pritt Stick)

Scissors

A red pompom, or other suitable tree topper

Piece of corrugated cardboard

Method

1. Cut circles out of green paper. Between 5 and 7 circles are needed for each tree. The largest should be around 20cm in diameter, and the remaining circles need to get gradually smaller.
2. Next, cut two small circles of cardboard, about 5cm in diameter.
3. Glue the two circles of cardboard together. This will form the base of the tree.
4. Push the wooden skewer through the centre of the cardboard circles, then glue it into place, with the pointed end sticking upwards. Then put to one side.
5. Fold each of the circles in half, then half again, and again, and again. So that each circle is folded four times in total.
6. Then unfold and refold each circle to make sure that it sits in a fluted shape.
7. Thread the largest circle onto the skewer. Push it down so that its 'skirt' covers the base of the stand. Stop it from sliding down further by sticking it to the skewer from underneath, using tape or the glue gun.
8. Thread the remaining fluted circles into place, in order of size, working from big to small.
There is no need to glue the remaining circles into place, as the shape of the one below will keep it in place.
9. Next, push the pompom onto the skewer and push it down, to meet the top of the tree.
10. If the end of the skewer sticks out beyond the pompom, trim it off with scissors.

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