

# Create Christmas Tree

## Supplies

Heavy card stock

yes glue

light weight, shrink free spackling (DAP Fast'N Final)

small amount of white paint

Optional

Additional piece of card stock scrapbook paper of  
your choice

embellishments

glue

scissors frame

## Basic Instructions

### Tree

Print Tree pattern, cut out and trace onto card stock. Cut out pattern and score on the fold lines (Fig 1 & 2). Gently curve the tree (Fig 3).

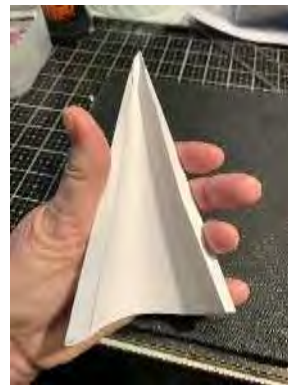


Fig 1

Fig 2

Fig 3

Glue the Front tree to the back form making sure the folded flaps are to the back of the form (Fig 4 & 5). You will notice the folds do not go to the top of the tree (Fig 6). While the glue is wet work the top of the tree together, keeping the rounded form. This cuts down on the excess bulk at the top but you may need to hold this area until the glue grabs.

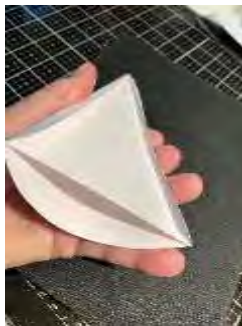
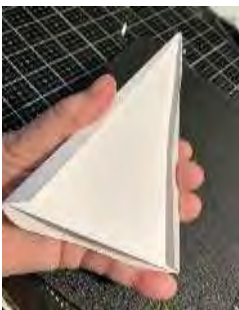


Fig 4

Fig 5

Fig 6

## Tree Trunk/Planter pot

Print and cut out the tree trunk pattern. Trace onto heavy card stock. Score and fold the fold lines. Gently round this piece.

On the rounded bottom piece clip the edge to the inter-half circle edge. (the closer together these clips are the smoother the edge will be) Fold up this edge.

Center and glue this edge flush with the bottom edge of the other trunk piece.

The folds will be to the back. (Fig 7 & 8)



Fig 7

Fig 8

Fig 9

Cut a 1/2' strip of card stock and glue it from one folded flap to the other. This will keep the upper edges of the trunk in place and give you a larger area to glue under the tree. (See Fig 8)

Cut a piece of patterned paper to fit the back of your frame. Center and glue the tree to this piece. Slip the tree trunk into the bottom of the tree and glue in place. (See Fig 9)

The frame used is a 5x7 acrylic box frame from Hobby Lobby although any shadow box frame could be used. (The Archives 5x7 Box Frame Item #906784 from Hobby Lobby)



You can use patterned paper for your tree BUT this paper usually isn't thick enough to hold the shape. To use the lighter weight papers cut the pattern from the heavy card stock and glue the lighter weight paper to it using yes glue. With the thicker base you can use patterned scrapbook paper or even wrapping paper. It is important to curve the tree into shape before the glue dries. I used Distress Collage Medium by Tim Holtz because that's what I had on hand.

To decorate your tree you can use twine, ribbon, pompoms, beads, sequins etc. You can also use light weight sparkle mixed with paint to add "icing" to the tree making it a "gingerbread tree". Mix approximately 1/8 cup of lightweight sparkle with 1 to 1 1/2 tsp white paint (or color of your choice) and stir (Fig 10). Place this mixture into the corner of a small sandwich bag and trim the tip of the corner off twisting the bag to "pipe the icing" onto the tree (Fig 11 & 12).



Fig 10



Fig 11

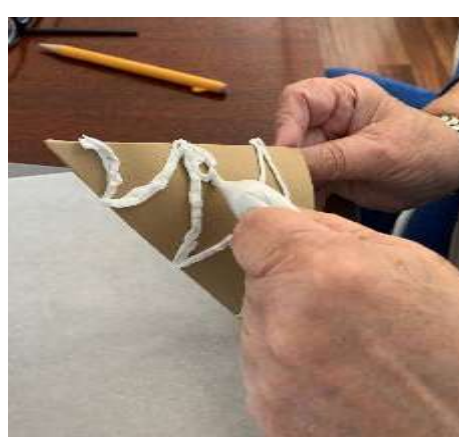


Fig 12

If using the sparkle and want to add decorations to the garland place them now and set the tree aside to dry.

### Options

1. If you want a smaller tree reduce the pattern when printing.
2. K-cups (or cream containers for smaller trunks) cleaned and cut in half can be used for the trunk. Just paint the the color of your choice.
3. Solid color scrapbook paper is usually thicker than the patterned paper. This can be used for the trunk. And if you want a "gingerbread tree" (see below) you can use this for the tree without the card stock.
4. Small Christmas tree decorations (found at craft store) can be used also, as shown below.





# Create Tree Patterns

