

Mini Yuletide Tree

Even the smallest of rooms can be spruced up with a mini holiday tree. These little trees are idea for custom decorating so each child in the family can have his or her own special tree to put on a nightstand or windowsill in the bedroom. You can make a princess tree, a cars tree, or a *Frozen* tree. Minnie decorates hers with tiny polka-dotted red bows. How will you decorate yours?

What You Need

- Christmas tree and star cookie cutters
- Marker
- Sponge
- Scissors
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plates
- Small evergreen tree, about 12-18 inches high in an unglazed clay pot
- Foam paintbrushes
- Gold pipe cleaners
- Optional decorations: polka-dotted or colored ribbon; stringed beads; stringed popcorn; stringed O-shaped candy or O-shaped cereal; colored tubed pasta; small seashells

How to Make It

1. With a marker, trace the Christmas tree cookie cutter onto a sponge. Do the same with the star, and cut out the shapes with scissors.
2. Pour different-colored paints onto the paper plates. Dip the sponges into the paint and decorate the clay pot with stars and trees by gently pressing the sponges against it. Let the paint dry.
3. Using paintbrushes or fine markers, add colors and details, like tiny ball ornaments and borders, to the trees and stars. Let the paint dry completely.
4. Bend the pipe cleaner into a star shape and wrap it around the top of your mini tree.
5. Add your own decorations to make the tree special
 1. Make bows by tying ribbons onto the branches
 2. String beads, popcorn or candy
 3. Paint tubular pasta into different colors and string around tree
 4. Hang or string seashells

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