

CRAFT BOX

TWIG CHRISTMAS TREE PICTURE

This activity is for Scouts
but any section or leaders
could take part too !

Scouts Twig Christmas Tree Picture

What you need:

- 15 Small Branches and Large Twigs
- Saw
- String
- Fine Wire (such as florist wire or similar) or more string
- Decorations of your choice – Baubles, Stars, Ribbons etc.
- Star (for the top of the tree) – homemade or shop-bought



How to make it:

This picture (or wall-hanging) makes a great gift and can bring a festive feel to any room, especially if there is not enough space for a Christmas Tree.

1. Lay all your branches and twigs out in an order going from the thickest to the thinnest in diameter.
2. Use the saw to cut each piece of wood to the right length so that the thickest piece is the longest length and the thinnest piece is the shortest length - making a triangular shape as in the picture.
3. Lay out all the pieces of wood in size order on a table, with 1-2 centimetres gap between each piece, depending on the overall size of your picture, then cut two pieces of string that are each three times the length of your twig picture.
4. Tie the strings to the longest twig, with a good knot, so they are centralised, and the distance of the smallest twig apart and then work your way up the pieces of twig, tying each one securely to the string and retaining the gaps.
5. When you have tied the final twig on, knot the two pieces of string together and make a long loop for hanging it up.
6. Using fine wire or alternatively more string, attach your decorations to the picture.

Get more Crafty:

Once you have mastered the method of making the tree, why not make a miniature version and stick to the front of a Christmas card or even make a large-scale version to use as an outdoor decoration in your garden.

You may need help to make the bigger sized wall-hanging, so why not make it a family project !

Safety Notes:

Tools and Scissors: Supervise young people appropriately when using tools and scissors.

Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

Glue and Solvents: Supervise young people appropriately when they're using glue and solvent products. Make sure there's plenty of ventilation. Be aware of any medical conditions which could be affected by glue or solvent use and make adjustments as needed.

Gardening and Nature: Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.

