

**make
your
own**

Ages 3+



Christmas tree with loose parts

Introducing a festive twist on a much-loved children's activity, featuring loose parts. Children can create their very own Christmas tree using their imaginations, whilst gaining a variety of skills.

Learning benefit / Skills developed

- Strengthens fine motor skills that further support writing and drawing skills.
- Engages children's imagination and creativity.
- Fosters mathematical and logical skills such as problem-solving, spatial awareness, counting, shape and pattern recognition.
- Enhances focus, attention and patience.

What you'll need

- Table or flat surface
- Masking tape or Christmas-themed sticky tape
- Any loose parts of your choice for example cubes, thread, beads and other small trinkets. Preferably in Christmas colours such as red, green, gold & silver. Tip - find things from around your home or that can be recycled to save and stay sustainable, for e.g. aluminium foil or paddle pop sticks.
- Basket(s) and/or tray(s) to hold and separate any loose parts and trinkets you are using

Instructions

1. On the table or flat surface, use your masking/sticky tape to make the shape of a Christmas tree. Start with a large triangle at the bottom, followed by a slightly smaller one and top with a smaller triangle.
2. Lay out and arrange all your loose parts. For example, you can sort bigger pieces (like cubes) into the basket or smaller pieces (like beads) into a tray.
3. Use the varying different loose parts to create and decorate a Christmas tree. Tip—you may want to prompt your child such as "can you fit 10 cubes in the bottom of the tree?", "how many baubles do you think fit on each end of each branches?", etc.

