

Pop-up tree card

Age:6-9 Group size: 20

Duration: 40 mins



Preparation time: 30 mins

Resources

- Card base 12cms x 21cms
- Paper insert 12cms x 21cms
- White paper 8cms x 12cms
- Half xmas tree template
- Pot template
- Green paper 8cms x 5cms
- Green card 8cms x 5cms
- Brown paper 2cms square
- Coloured card 3cms square and 5cms x 2cms
- Red corrugated card 3cms x 2cms
- Scissors
- Glue
- Felt tip pens
- Glitter glue
- Coloured paper 12cms x 10.5cms



Preparation

The front of the card shows growing Christmas trees while the inside represents a living room with decorated tree and presents. Children could create their own wallpaper to go behind the tree using a computer program, prior to making their card. For each card you will need: 1 card base, 1 paper insert, 1 of white and 2 pieces of green paper, 1 piece of green card, 3

pieces of brown paper, 1 piece of corrugated card, 1 each of the coloured card shapes. There should be enough templates for a tree shape between two children and pot shape per 4 children. Each child should have a pair of scissors.

The trickiest part of the card is making the pop up tabs. In terms of organization some children could be making the tree and



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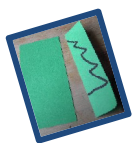


presents, others making the front of the card while small groups work with an adult to cut the tabs.

Activity

Front

Fold the card in half from top to bottom so that it measures 12cms x10.5cms when folded. Tear the white paper across the 12cms edge to make the snowy background. Stick the snow to the open end of the folded card.



Fold the green and brown papers along the longest sides. Put the half tree template on the fold, draw around and cut out, twice. Fold the brown paper to make the tree trunks. Stick the trunks to the bottom of the trees.



Glue the edges of the trees and trunks then stick down on the snow to give a slightly 3d effect.

Use glitter glue on the branches of the tree and on the sky. Leave to one side to dry.

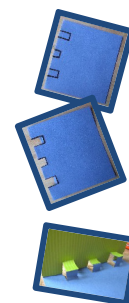
Inside



Fold the insert in the same way as the card. Stick the wallpaper to one half. Keep the wallpaped half at the top of the insert and close the paper.

Draw 3 rectangles across the fold, space them equally apart and make them the same length, the width is not important. A length of between 1.5-2cms is fine.

Cut up both sides of the rectangles. Open the paper and gently push the tabs inside. Crease the ends of the shapes so that the tabs stand up when the insert is opened.



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Use the tree template to make a tree from green card. Use pens to decorate it. Cut out a trunk and the pot. Stick the pot, tree and trunk together. Glue the back of the pot and stick to the middle tab. Make sure the bottom of the tab and pot are lined up. Decorate the other 2 pieces of cards to make the presents. Glue to the remaining 2 tabs.



Close the insert and glue the back of the bottom half. Stick the bottom half down on the inside of the card. Then glue the top half and stick that down. The 2 folds need to be exactly in line or the card will not open and close properly.

Golden Time

