

Make a pop-up tree

Create some woodland magic by crafting a fun picture.

National Tree Week (22–30 November) is a celebration of trees and marks the start of the tree-planting season. In its 50th year, National Tree Week encourages people to plant trees and hedges.

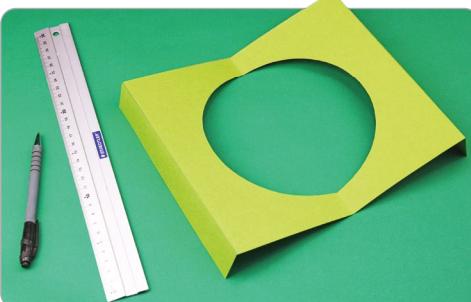
If you can't plant a tree, try designing and making your own pop-up one. Below, we show you how to create an autumnal tree, with colourful cut-out leaves and other seasonal touches in the background. You could also design one for each season. If you don't have coloured card, colour in white A4 card. Make the tree a simple shape so it's easy to cut out. You could also try making the window (hole) a different shape, by cutting a wavy or zigzag edge around the circle. Check that the card opens and closes easily after sticking the sections together.

What you need

- Three pieces of A4 coloured card
- A pencil
- A small plate or compass
- Scissors
- A ruler
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Glue
- A glue brush
- Extra card or paper to decorate



1 Fold a piece of A4 card in half to make the front section. Using a compass or a small plate as a guide, draw a semicircle next to the fold, in the middle, then cut it out.



2 Open out the card then measure 3cm-wide strips down each side. Draw over the lines again, pressing firmly with a pencil or pen and then fold both strips.



3 Fold another piece of A4 card in half for the tree, then draw a semicircle next to the folded edge. Draw half a tree with the trunk and branches overlapping the edge of the semicircle.



4 Carefully cut out the tree then unfold it. Colour a face and patterns for the tree bark or decorate it in your own creative style.



5 Brush glue on the ends of branches and the bottom of the trunk, on the back. Stick the tree over the window, lining up the folds on both pieces. Decorate the tree with cut-out leaves.



6 Fold a piece of A4 card in a third colour in half. Add glue to the two folded strips on the tree card. Stick them to the edges of the background card (see main picture). Add more decoration.

SLEEPY TREES

Now is a good time to plant trees. Lots of them are dormant (inactive) from the end of autumn until early spring.

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