How to...

Make a memory tree

A memory tree is a fun way to save memories.

new year brings the chance to enjoy new Aexperiences, explore new places and make new memories. Instead of simply snapping selfies on a phone or camera, why not create something special? This clever memory tree is made from 12 twigs, leaf-shaped labels and a cardboard tube for the trunk.

Personalise your tree by painting and decorating it in different colours and patterns or just leave it natural. As each month passes, attach mementos such as a birthday card, a cinema or train ticket, a recipe, a wrapper, a wristband or simply a feather or shell you collected on a walk.

By the end of 2023, you will have a tree decorated in memories of the moments that made you smile.

What you need

- 12 dry twigs
- A ruler
- A cardboard tube
- Scissors
- Old newspaper
- **PVA** glue
- A glue brush
- **Paints**
- **Paintbrushes**
- Coloured card
- Pen



Hunt for twigs

Collect 12 twigs that are about

the same length (25 centimetres is

ruler with you). Make sure they are

millimetres thick is perfect). Remove any loose bark and leave to dry. Take the cardboard tube and cut four or

best, so it's a good idea to take a

not too flimsy or too thick (4-5

five thin slots at the top.

Fix your branches

Put eight twigs through the

cardboard tube. Scrunch up some old

newspaper and place it in the bottom

of the tube. This will hold the twigs

in place. Make four small holes in the

side of tube and push the remaining four twigs through the sides.

slots or standing upright in the

TWIG TIP

- Don't take healthy twigs from trees. **Collect fallen twigs** in gardens, parks or woods.
- Use pipe cleaners as branches if you don't want to use real tree twigs.
- You can draw a memory tree instead of making one. On a large piece of paper, draw a tree with 12 branches then stick on your mementos each month.



Brush glue over the tube then cover with pieces of newspaper (tissue paper works too). Add more glue and paper if necessary to hold the branches in place. Leave to dry.

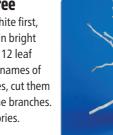
Decorate your tree

leave to dry, then paint it in bright colours. Wait to dry. Draw 12 leaf the months onto the leaves, cut them out and glue them onto the branches.

Paint the branches white first,

shapes on card. Write the names of Finally, make some memories.









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