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Christmas crackers!



You will need:

- A4 piece of patterned paper, wallpaper or plain paper to decorate
- Cardboard tubes (e.g. toilet roll or kitchen roll holders)
- Sticking tape or glue
- Ribbon or string
- Scissors
- Optional: decorations, cracker snaps, jokes, paper hats and little gifts



What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

Christmas quacker!

- 1** Put your paper face down on a table with the longest sides along the top and bottom. Put your cardboard tube lengthwise in the middle.
- 2** At each end score your paper softly with a pair of scissors, making sure not to cut through the paper. This will make it easier to create your cracker ends.
- 3** Roll the cardboard tube up in the paper, overlapping the long paper edges slightly and stick together with tape.
- 4** Carefully twist the excess paper around one end of the cardboard tube and tie it with your ribbon.
- 5** If using, put your fillings into the other end of the cracker then tie it up with your ribbon.
- 6** Decorate your crackers then pop them on your table and admire your handiwork!

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Natural garland

Make a festive natural garland for your home!

You will need:

- A length of rope
- Bind wire or twine
- Scissors or secateurs
- Natural foliage foraged from your garden – fir or pine tree branches and cones, rosehips, winter berries, ivy, holly

1 Cut your rope to fit the space for your garland and knot both ends. Attach your reel of wire to one end of the rope.

2 Take a bunch of your foliage and tightly wind your wire around the end of it to secure it to the rope. Don't cut your wire – leave it attached to the rope.

3 Keep adding in your collected foliage until you reach the end of the rope. When finished cut the wire and hide it's end.

4 Pop the garland into its space – you can now add decorations to the top, bottom and middle of it. Berries, leaves and trailing ivy are all great for this.

Step back and
admire your
wonderful
creation!

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Forest art

Make forest artwork with branches, pine cones and leaves collected on your forest adventure.

- 1 Find a handful of sticks, all different lengths.



- 2 Arrange your sticks on the floor to make a Christmas tree.



- 3 What can you find for the decoration at the top?



Try this

Can you find anything colourful to add to the tree for baubles and tinsel?

How about some bright berries or some crunchy leaves?



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Natural wreath

Make a Christmas wreath for your house.

- 1 Place the dinner plate on the cardboard and carefully draw around it.

Cut it out and then cut a smaller circle in the middle to make a ring.

- 2 Paint one side of your cardboard ring green.

Try this

Use different shades of green paint to give it a camouflaged effect.

You will need:

- Large dinner plate
- Scissors
Ask an adult to help with cutting
- Cardboard
- Green paints
- PVA glue
- Natural items like berries, twigs, fir or pine needles.
- Ribbon or string



- 3 Decorate your ring by gluing on the natural items you collected, then leave the glue to dry.

- 4 To hang your wreath, carefully pierce a hole in the cardboard.

Thread string or ribbon through the hole, then tie it in a loop.



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Festive pine cones



You will need:

- Pine cones
- Pipe cleaner
- PVA glue
- Green paint
- Biodegradable glitter

Pine cone Christmas tree

- 1 Mix some PVA glue and green paint together.
- 2 Paint your pine cone, then sprinkle on glitter.
- 3 When dry, wind a sparkly pipe cleaner around to look like tinsel.



Pine cone robin

- 1 Find some leaves and feathers from the forest floor.
- 2 Use glue to attach your items to the cone to make a colourful pine cone robin!

You will need:

- Pine cones
- Feathers
- Yellow paper
- Red paint
- Leaves
- PVA glue
- Beads



Did you know?

Pine trees are important for timber (wood) and provide food and homes for wildlife. Like all conifer trees they produce seed bearing cones.

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Twig stars

Create a star for the top of your Christmas tree!

- 1** Collect 6 sticks of the same length.



- 2** Take 3 of the sticks and tie them in place using wool or string to make a triangle shape.



- 3** Repeat with the other 3 sticks to make a second triangle.

- 4** Invert one triangle over the other and tie it on top.



Decorate your star!

Try painting it gold or silver and add glitter to make it extra special!

You will need:

- 6 sticks of even length
- String
- Scissors
- Pine cones
- Biodegradable glitter
- Paint
- PVA glue



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Gruffalo winter



Whose tracks?



Match the prints to the animal that made them.

Snake ---

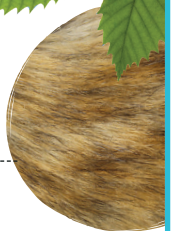
Owl ---

Fox ---



How do animals stay warm in winter?

Use the images to help you think...



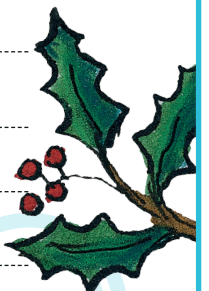
Unscramble the letters to spell these wintry words.

lyloh

nwos

rostf

ridereen



Can you see any animal tracks around you?

Try looking on the ground for prints, or for nibbled things, feathers or holes.



Can you find any of them in the forest?

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Warmth - Shelter, fur, feathers, leaves