

Crafty Ideas: **Tree Sculptures**

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Tree scultures on display with autum leaves



Twisted tree trunks, such as the one featured here, make an excellent starting point for collage work and soft sculpture. Look for the pattern and movement within the trunk. See how the lines flow and entwine, disappear and emerge.

You will need:

- Newspapers
- Lengths of card tube (8-10mm in diameter)
- Masking tape
- PVA glue
- Carton card
- Paints

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Use

Use as part of themed work on trees or as a stimulus for 3D artwork.

Make

- Twist sheets of newspaper into paper 'ropes'.
- Using masking tape, fasten one end of the newspaper rope over the top edge of a cardboard tube.
- Glue the length of rope down the side of the tube and trim to size.
- Repeat this several times, crossing and twisting the ropes over each other.
- Glue shorter lengths of 'rope' into the spaces.
- When the tube is covered, glue to a card base.
- Paint when dry.

Display

Place these sculptures in their element by displaying on a table against a green backdrop and decorating the area with dried leaves. You could add a poem, such as *Windy Tree* by Aileen Fisher.

Windy Tree
Think of the muscles
a tall tree grows
in its leg, in its foot,
in its wide-spread toes-
not to tip over
and fall on its nose
when a wild wind hustles
and tussles and blows.