

5 Arbor Day Tree Crafts

Celebrate trees with these simple crafts with everyday, at-home items!

BARK RUBBING

Supplies: Crayons, Paper, Interesting Tree

Remove any outer packaging from crayon. You will need the long edge (not the pointed tip usually used for writing).

1. Select an interesting tree.
2. Hold the paper against the bark, and then rub the paper with the long edge of the crayon.
3. Repeat with different trees to compare their bark texture.



STICK ART

Supplies: Stick(s), glue, paper, crayons/markers/pencils

1. Find a stick (or more than one) that can be used as the focal point of a piece of artwork.
2. Imagine how the stick(s) could be used in a drawing or painting.
3. Attach stick(s) to paper or cardboard with glue and create your masterpiece!

LEARNING STICK OR MAGIC WAND

Supplies: Stick(s), yarn, beads, sequins, pipe cleaners, or other decorative items

1. Find a special or interesting stick.
2. Decorate with markers, yarn, twine, beads, and sequins.
3. Cast a spell, make some magic, and have fun!



HAND PRINT TREE

Supplies: Paper towel roll, construction paper or cardstock, scissors, paper plate, glue, crayons/markers/pencils

1. Paint or color paper plate and set aside.
2. Cut slits in the bottom of the paper towel roll and tape to your paper plate.
3. Trace your hand and arm on cardstock or brown paper. Make sure it is long enough to cover the paper towel roll. This will be the trunk of the tree. Cut out and glue to the paper towel roll.
4. Trace your hand prints on green paper or white paper colored by you. You will need 5 hand prints. Decorate with branches, flowers, or wildlife.
5. Attach to the tree trunk with glue.

SIMPLE TREE

Supplies: Toilet paper roll, construction paper/card stock, paint/crayons

1. Cut the paper into the shape of the tree canopy; draw and decorate!
2. Paint or color toilet paper roll. Once dried, cut 2 slits down, across from each other. Insert the tree top into those slits.

