

Christmas Tree Tutorial

Supplies Needed

- 20 -25 (16 oz.) Plastic Water Bottles - Empty
- 1 (44 oz.) Styrofoam cup
- 1 (1 qt. carton) I used a Silk Milk Carton
- 1 Empty Soda Box or Similar thickness cardboard
- Sand or Rocks
- Scissors
- 1 can of spray paint
- 1 piece of metallic tissue paper
- 1 Tall/Wide Drinking Straw

(I used the one that came with my 44oz drink)

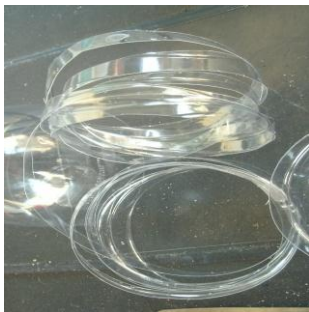


Step 1



- Take the caps off of your empty water bottles.
- Cut the top off of the water bottle
- Cut off the bottom “cup” area
- You now have three pieces
- *Save the other pieces for other craft projects*

Step 2



- Spiral cut the middle water bottle in an approximately ½ inch strip all the way to the bottom.
- *You will have a jagged edge towards the top where you have to adjust your angle to get the spiral effect*
- That is okay we will use that part later, so try not to cut it off, if possible.

Step 3:

- Next you will paint your spirals.

I used Krylon spray paint that sticks to plastic.
I would experiment with one of your spirals first to see if the paint you have will stick or just run off.

I found that hanging them while painting works best.



Step 4:



You will need to open up your carton and fill it either with sand or rocks. The weight is necessary or your tree will fall over.

Next, you will paint both your carton and your 44 oz styro cup.

I used Kilz primer (it is what I had lying around) It made a nice effect on the styro. Almost like snow.

Once they are dry, place the carton carefully, yet snugly inside the cup.

Straighten the cup out and make sure it is firm on the carton

Step 5:



- Next you need to make a tree form or cone to achieve the proper shape.

I used a Dr. Pepper Box.

- Open it up.
- Flatten it out.
- I used one full side and rolled it into a cone shape then stapled it.

You may have an open uneven area. Now is a good time to glue or tape an extra piece of cardboard to complete the shape.

Otherwise when you place the tissue paper over it, the shape will cave in at this area.

You want to leave about a half dollar size diameter opening at the top. This is where you will place your spirals.

Step 6



- Place the cone form over the top of the cup/carton.
- Press gently but secure the cone.
- Note the uneven area at the bottom. I fixed this prior to placing the tissue paper.

Step 7



- Wrap the cone in tissue paper.
- Do not tuck it in the bottom at this point.
- Adjust it so the entire cardboard is covered.

It is harder to fix later...trust me...

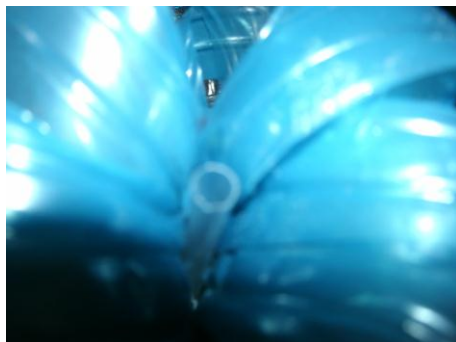
Step 8:



- Start placing your spirals. If you cut them correctly you will have a "notch" where you adjusted the spiral cut at the beginning.

- Cut the spiral at this notch point
- Set this piece aside
- Insert your long spiral into the top of the cone.
- Now insert the notched piece next to it.
- It will become more difficult to place your spirals as you go.
- You may need something to poke them in.
- I used a pickle fork 😊

Step 9



Once your spirals are all in place.

Place your drinking straw through the middle of the spirals until it stops at the carton.

Trim it to down to the edge of the spiral insertion point. You will use this for your tree topper.

Step 10



**Attach your topper and
embellish your base as
desired.**

**The possibilities are endless with color variations, toppers
etc.**

