

We're so excited to share with you that a beautiful 12ft Christmas tree will be appearing at the end of Essex Street and on Peel Street as part of the We Made This Christmas Tree Trail. Such a big tree needs plenty of decorations, so we want to encourage you to get involved by making decorations out of any spare bits and bobs you have lying around.

We've put together these instructions to give you some inspiration. We will be putting the tree in place on the 1st of December, so all you need to do is pop along at any time with your decorations and choose a space for them. Please do this safely and within reach - we will sort the top!

We hope this helps to bring you some festive cheer and look forward to being able to see you all in person soon.

The Absolutely Cultured Volunteers

What you will need:



5 lolly sticks per star



Decorations like glitter and paint to add some sparkle!



Glue

Method:

1. You will need 5 lolly sticks per star. All you have to do is lay out your lolly sticks in the pattern shown and glue them together.
2. You could also use a tacky PVA but make sure you leave it flat until it dries!
3. You could also use a cool or hot glue gun, if you do this make sure an adult helps!
4. Once your star is dry, simply thread some ribbon or string through the top of the star and they will be ready to hang.
5. To add to the craft, you could stick sequins or gems onto the star. You could even use mini pom poms on each tip of the star.

LOLLY STICK STARS



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What you will need:



Bottle caps



Glue



Paint



Buttons



Paintbrushes



Scissors



Ribbon or wool






BOTTLE TOP SNOWMEN



Method:

1. Paint the inside of each bottle cap white.
2. Glue three bottle caps to a piece of ribbon.
3. Use the end of a paintbrush or a toothpick to paint eyes, a nose, mouth and buttons on your snowmen.
4. Tie a ribbon or wool between the first and second bottle caps to make a scarf and accent with a button if you like.

What you will need:

-  Plastic bottles of various colours
-  Scissors
-  String, ribbon or wool
-  Permanent markers or paint
-  Glitter paint





Method:

1. Cut the bottom parts of the plastic bottles as the snowflakes.
2. Use permanent markers or glitter paint to draw your favourite patterns on the snowflakes.
3. Poke a small hole on the snowflakes and insert string, ribbon or wool
4. These beautiful plastic bottle snowflake ornaments are ready to be hung. Enjoy

PLASTIC BOTTLE SNOWFLAKES



What you will need:

-  Jar lids
-  Glue
-  Glitter and decorations
-  Ribbon or string

Method:

1. Using a clean jar lid, squeeze a thin layer of glue into the lid until the whole surface area is covered.
2. Add a thin layer of glitter until the glue is covered with sparkles.
3. Add the decorations – they could be buttons, sequins, pom poms
4. And now for the adult bit! Leave the lids to dry and then add a ribbon for hanging to the back, using a strong glue.

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