

How to make a climate change tree

One acre of forest can absorb 2.5 tonnes of carbon per year and tree planting is seen as a key way of reversing the climate crisis. Create this decorative tree as a way of reflecting and reminding you of the importance of looking after our planet. Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift.



You will need:

- Green felt
- Needle and white thread
- Decorations e.g. old buttons or beads
- Brown ribbon
- A small amount of toy stuffing

How to make your tree:

1. Cut out your two triangles of green felt roughly 6cm along the base and 10cm the vertical height from the centre of the base to the point. Try to cut them wasting as little fabric as possible.
2. Select a few buttons or decorative items and sew them onto one of your pieces of green felt so they look like decorations on a tree. Leave the top point of the tree empty. Try to use things second-hand wherever possible.
3. Cut two pieces of brown ribbon: one 15cm long for the hanger and one 6cm long for the trunk.
4. Use another button to attach the longer piece of ribbon as a loop at the top of the tree. The button on the front like a star on top of the tree and the loop behind.
5. Stitch the two felt triangles together
 - a. On the base don't forget to attach the trunk by folding the smaller piece of ribbon in half and sewing it between the two layers.
 - b. Just before you finish fill it with toy stuffing

Things to think about as you stitch:

- What small steps can you take to lower your carbon footprint this Christmas?
- How do you deal with feeling overwhelmed by the climate crisis?

