

Christmas Tree and Candle Decoration



You will need:

- 1 larger piece styrofoam (4"x6"x1")
- 1 piece of cork board or cereal box cardboard (approx. 3½" by 8½")
- 8-10 smaller pieces styrofoam (half 1"x1"x1" and half 1"x2"x½")
- green acrylic craft paint
- assorted other colors of acrylic paint
- small paintbrush
- a pair of scissors
- clear tape and clear-drying craft glue
- a few Washi decorative tapes (slim size or trim the wider ones)
or use thin craft ribbon
- 1 12" skewer or dowel, cut in half
- 1 battery-operated tea light
- a few small pieces of colorful wrapping paper

1. Choose a pretty paper and wrap the base. The more neatly you wrap, the better the finished decoration will sit on the table or counter.
2. Draw the outline of a Christmas tree on your cork board/cardboard and cut it out. Paint the whole tree with a coat of green and allow it to dry.

3. Wrap some little pieces of foam to make presents. Use thin strips of Washi tape as “ribbon” to decorate your small packages.
4. Once your green tree has dried, use a variety of colors to paint on birds, snow, Christmas balls, popcorn strings, or garlands. Allow the decorative coat on the Christmas tree to dry.
5. Finish wrapping little presents.
6. Glue two 6” skewers or dowels to the back of the tree. Allow it to dry. Once it has dried, carefully poke the skewers into the top left side of the decoration and push them down until the tree bottom is flush with the base.
7. Glue the little presents all around the lower part of the tree, arranging them nicely and leaving room for the tea light (battery-operated!) at the right front corner.
8. Use your decoration in your own home or give it as a gift to brighten someone else's Christmas.