

Disclaimer: Activities with children must always be risk assessed, including for allergies or choking. Children must always have adequate supervision. Resources and materials must always be appropriate for children's age and stage of development.

Activity: Christmas Tree Wall Art

Christmas is a great time of year to get creative. Giving children the freedom to explore their creativity is an excellent way to help them express themselves.

Learning aims

- Express themselves through art
- Explore different art forms and resources
- Develop imagination and creativity
- Develop their physical skills
- Support language development.



Resources

- Triangular card shapes
- Various mark making tools (paint, pens, crayons)
- Biodegradable glitter and sparkles.

Activity outline

1. Stimulate children's excitement by talking about and looking at a range of Christmas trees - tall, small or alternative Christmas trees (like one on a wall)
2. Explain how you are going to make a 'wall Christmas tree' using decorated triangles, building your tree in rows
3. Encourage the children to express their creativity with the resources to make the triangles look beautiful by decorating them as they wish
4. Talk to the children about the activity and introduce vocabulary, e.g. sparkles, glisten, shiny etc.
5. As the children finish a triangle (leave to dry if necessary), begin to demonstrate how to assemble the triangles in rows to build your tree. Children can then continue the pattern in order to create one big triangular tree.

Extension ideas:

- Make the resources accessible to children so they can continue to make and construct further Christmas trees.