



# DIY Christmas Decorations

## 12 TABLETOP CHRISTMAS TREES



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Hello Christmas Crafters!

We all know how difficult it is to save money around Christmas, which is one of the many reasons you will love the full tutorials found in this eBook, *DIY Christmas Decorations: 12 Tabletop Christmas Trees*. Tabletop trees make one of the greatest recycled Christmas decorations because you can oftentimes use what you already have and save money. Why buy when you can DIY beautiful Christmas decor that will impress and last for years?

People love mini Christmas trees, and for good reason. Tabletop trees are the kind of DIY Christmas crafts every crafter loves. Since there is no set way to make a tabletop tree, the different styles are innumerable. You can use all sorts of fabric, like the stunning Satin Ribbon Ruffle Tree (pg. 23). Using glitter, like the Mini Glitter Christmas Trees (pg. 15), will make your tree sparkle and shine. Learn how to make mini trees using book pages, shells, or even cork, which is the main material used in the Unconventional Cork Tree (pg. 27).

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## Christmas Pearl Tree

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Wearing pearls to a holiday party always spices up an outfit, but have you thought of making your own Christmas Pearl Tree? You can get these pearls at any fabric store, like Joann's. This is definitely an elegant way to decorate Christmas trees. Not only that, but it gives you a way to create a stunning piece of tabletop decor that looks professional and elegant, but without the cost. You can feel confident that you not only saved some money, but also made your own amazing tabletop tree.



### Materials

- 12-inch Styrofoam cone
- Hot glue gun
- About 65 16mm pearls
- About 500 assorted 4-12 mm pearls

## Instructions

1. Glue the large 16mm pearls randomly around the cone.



2. Fill in the rest of the space with the smaller pearls-- 4mm, 8mm, and 12mm. Since the cone has a flat top, use a 16mm pearl for the top, and then build up around it so that it will have a nice Christmas tree point.



## Colored Ribbon Tree

By: [Bird from Bird's Party](#)

The colored ribbon tree is a great way to dress up your mantel or entryway for the holiday season. Each Christmas, change the ribbon according to your color scheme. Follow the instructions provided to make this adorable Colored Ribbon Tree. These colorful ribbon trees can be made with multiple patterned ribbon, making them completely customizable. You can use pins or glue to attach the ribbons to the tree base but, if you use ribbons, you can easily move the pieces of ribbon if you so choose.



### Materials

- Polystyrene cones
- Scrap of ribbon of different designs and colors
- Metal pins (or hot glue)
- Scissors
- Pompom

## Instructions

1. Gather your supplies, and then cut lengths of ribbon from different colors – Keeping all lengths the same.
2. Fold each in half to form a loop.



3. Starting at the bottom of each cone, pin the ribbon in a row all the way around the cone, slightly overlapping each one.
4. Carry on with new row of ribbon on top of the preceding layer, hiding the pins from the layer below.
5. Finish by pinning a pompom to the top. You could use hot glue instead of pins, but the great thing about pinning is that you can start again if you go wrong, AND you could always re-use the cones next year to update your decor!



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## Crushed Shell Tabletop Tree

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Bring the idea of a sunny beach inside during December with this Crushed Shell Tabletop Tree. Unlike some other shell crafts, this mini Christmas tree uses pre-crushed shells that you can buy from a craft store so it's really easy to create. The mother of pearl shimmer of the paint underneath on the tree base paired with the varied colors and shimmer from the shells make this one of the most beautiful tabletop trees possible. It will add an exciting "Christmas in July" element to your Christmas decorations this year.



### Materials

- Papier mache cone
- Mother of pearl paint
- Crushed shell vase filler - large and small (found in the floral section of craft stores)
- Shirt or other disposable box
- Mod Podge
- Craft sponge

## Instructions

1. Paint the papier mache cone with paint and let dry.
2. Using a sponge, apply a generous layer of mod podge to a small section of the cone.
3. Pour the larger shells into an open box (such as a shirt box) then gently press onto the glued part of the cone. When the shells stick and are not sliding around, move on to the next section. When the larger shells are generously covering the cone, apply more Mod Podge.



4. Pour the smaller size shells into the box and press in the smaller shells. The smaller shells will fill in the gaps left between the larger shells.



5. Let dry overnight.

## Felt Rose Tabletop Christmas Tree

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Add a touch of glamour to your Christmas decor when you create this Felt Rose Tabletop Christmas Tree. Covered in various sizes and styles of white felt roses, this mini tree is truly eye-catching. Set it alongside a couple other tabletop Christmas trees or let it shine on its own on one of your tables. You could even change up the colors. For example, add some red felt roses with the white to get a "candy cane" tree. This is one of the best Christmas crafts to experiment with because it's easy and fun to try different themes.



### Materials

- 1/4 yard wool felt (this generously covered a 6-inch tree with more to spare)
- Scissors
- Tree form (such as 6-inch Styrofoam cone, but a papier mache cone or one made from a cereal box is more economical)
- Hot glue gun

## Instructions

1. Cut a piece of felt into a 3 X 9 inch strip. Fold into thirds (equivalent to three 3-inch squares) and cut a spiral, starting at the outer edge.
2. For a rose-petal look, cut some waves into your spiral. If you like a uniform circular look, cut the spiral into a clean circle.
3. Cut out several spirals.



4. Begin creating the rose by starting at the center of the spiral and twirling the felt around until you reach the end.
5. Put a healthy dollop of hot glue on the bottom of the rose, making sure that even the center pieces are covered in glue. Let dry.
6. Don't let your scraps go to waste! Cut out smaller flowers using the leftover scraps from the original "squares." It looks best to mix the large and small flowers on the tree.
7. Then the fun begins! Start at the tip of your tree. Glue a rose at the top and work your way down and around. Keep gluing until you reach the bottom.



## Festive Folded Book Page Tree

By: [Sue from Creative "Try"als](#)

Tabletop trees are popular this time of year; make your homemade Christmas tree decoration stand out by trying this Festive Folded Book Page Tree. With this recycled book page craft tutorial, you can learn how to make a 3D Christmas tree out of book pages or newspaper you already have. The tutorial even gives folding tips for those who are not as comfortable making evenly folded paper creations. One book can yield a few book page Christmas trees, so you will be able to put these fun holiday decorations in multiple rooms.



### Materials

- Book with at least 60 pages
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Cardboard (for the stars)
- Ink or paint (for the cardboard stars)
- Candle holders (for displaying trees)

## Notes

Two of the trees are trimmed at the bottom so that they are all different heights. Trim 3/4 of an inch off one, and 1-1/2 inches off the other. Trim them while they were in the "half" stage.

## Instructions

1. Practice folding with newspaper to get the feel of it before starting on the book pages if you wish.
2. Fold the right hand corner down to the center. Your book page is rectangular - so the right hand corner will not reach the bottom of the book like pictured here with the newspaper. Once the first fold is made, take the bottom right-hand corner and fold the page over to the middle. The page will extend beyond the book.
3. The folded page needs to be flush with the unfolded book bottoms. You can cut the excess folded book page off or fold the excess upward.
4. Continue with the rest of the book. Once you have finished the 30 pages - you have one tree half. Make the other half.



5. Run a strip of hot glue down the spine of the tree and adhere both halves together.



6. Finish the trees by creating stars for the top out of cardboard and displaying them on the candle holders.

## Mini Glitter Christmas Trees

By: [Carrie for Burlap and Blue](#)

Liven up your entryway this Christmas with these Mini Glitter Christmas Trees. These DIY Christmas decorations are from a simple project that will produce gorgeous results. Visitors will think you bought these easy do it yourself Christmas decorations at Pottery Barn or Crate and Barrel. The project requires only a few materials that can be found at most craft stores. Choose the size of your Styrofoam trees and the color of your glitter, and enjoy creating these DIY Christmas trees. They are fast, easy, and beautiful.



### Materials

- Foam cone forms
- Silver/Gold glitter
- Spray adhesive
- Flat cardboard
- Gloves (optional)

## Instructions

1. Gather your materials. You can find the foam cone forms in the floral department of most craft stores.



2. Set the foam cone on cardboard outside and liberally cover it with spray adhesive.
3. While wearing gloves, pour the glitter over the top of the cone until it covers the surface.



4. Leave the tree to dry.
5. Once dry, spray the entire surface with a clear top coat, which can be found in the spray paint section of any hardware store.
6. Let dry fully.

## Mother of Pearl Christmas Tree

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Looking to create a fashionable, stylish, and one-of-a-kind Christmas tree? You are in luck because this Mother of Pearl Christmas Tree is such an elegant home decoration that anyone would want. After gathering your mother of pearl beads or buttons if you prefer, you only need a Styrofoam cone and a hot glue gun! The way the light reflects off these layered mother of pearl beads give a bright and multi-faceted look that cannot be beat. Everyone who walks into the room will immediately ask where you bought your stunning mini tree.



### Materials

- 12-inch Styrofoam cone
- Hot glue gun
- 190 3/4-inch mother of pearl beads
- AND/OR mother of pearl buttons (see note)

## Notes

The buttons have visible holes at the top, but are thinner and easier to work with. Use the buttons at the bottom of the tree since the overlap covers the hole. When you get towards the top of the tree, switch over to the beads (the hole is hidden on the side).

## Instructions

1. Start by gluing the beads/buttons at the base of the cone.
2. Continue up the tree. Stagger each row so that the Styrofoam core is completely covered. This gives the tree a nice "scale" effect.
3. Since the cone is flat at the top, you'll want to build up the pointed top of the tree.



4. For the very top of the tree, glue the bead on vertically, then glue the rest of the surrounding 5 beads to "support" it.

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## Pipe Cleaner Christmas Tree

By: [Chris from AllFreeChristmasCrafts](#)

The Pipe Cleaner Christmas Tree Video Tutorial is a great way to make a homemade Christmas decoration without spending a lot of time or money. This video will walk you through the steps to make a cute Christmas tree. Before you know it, you will have a wonderful home decor item you can proudly display throughout the entire holiday season. You can even check out the accompanying video by clicking on the image to learn everything you need to know about making this quick, easy, and free Christmas craft.



### Materials

- Pipe cleaners (around 5-10, depending on size)
- Pony beads (for decoration)
- Scissors
- Polymer clay (for tree stand)

## Instructions

1. Cut the pipe cleaners to desired lengths. You want 3 uncut pipe cleaners, and assorted other sizes for your branches.
2. Start with the 3 uncut pipe cleaners for the trunk of the tree. Twist the 3 pipe cleaners together to form a thick strip. Bend the ends at the very top out to mimic a real tree.
3. Use the shorter pieces near the top of the tree, and use increasingly longer pieces the farther down the tree you go.
4. Wrap the pipe cleaners around the tree base and bend as desired to make branches.



5. Once your tree is made, you will notice that it won't stand up on its own, which is why you will create the clay base.
6. Use any colors of polymer clay you would like. Roll it into a ball and set it on a flat surface so that it develops a flat bottom.
7. Form a hole in the clay stand by sticking the bottom of the tree into the clay piece (roughly 1/2 to 1 inch deep). You could alternatively use a pencil or other similarly sized cylindrical object to create the hole.
8. Bake the clay tree stand according to the directions on the package.
9. Decorate your tree by sliding pony beads onto the branches.
10. Set your pipe cleaner tree in the clay base and display!

## Ribbon Trees DIY Christmas Craft

By: [Fawnda from Fireflies and Jellybeans](#)

Use ribbon to create the ultimate ribbon Christmas tree craft. This Ribbon Trees DIY Christmas Craft is a great tabletop decoration and take less than an hour to make. You don't need a ton of supplies for this easy project, so you can make a bunch at once and display them all in your home during the holidays. Easy ribbon crafts are a great way to bring the family together for a fun activity. Best of all, ribbon is inexpensive, so you can get a bunch and save it for other exciting Christmas crafts.



### Materials

- Styrofoam cone
- 3 kinds of ribbon
- Straight pins or hot glue gun
- Scissors

## Instructions

1. Cut your ribbons to 4-inch lengths.
2. Fold your ribbon in half and attach it to the bottom of your cone. You can with pin it on or use hot glue. Hot glue is faster and the ribbons stayed in place better, too.
3. For hot glue: Put a blob of glue on the foam cone, then place the unfolded ribbon on it so that the backside is facing up. Then put a blob of glue on the ribbon and fold it up.
4. Continue adding layers of ribbon until you get to the top of the tree.



5. Finish off the top. To do this, put a line of hot glue from the top of the cone and done to the next row of ribbons. Place your ribbon on the glue wrong side face up. Put another line of glue on the ribbon and fold in half.



6. With an extra piece of ribbon, add a loop to the top of the tree.

## Satin Ribbon Ruffle Tree

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

This super cute Satin Ribbon Ruffle Tree is such a wonderful and elegant display. It will definitely stand out as a unique Christmas decoration! You only need a Styrofoam cone in the size you want your tree, satin ribbon of any color choices (we love the look of this ombre tree), and a hot glue gun. It couldn't be easier. The ruffled satin ribbon makes this tabletop tree look so classy and elegant. It would look beautiful as the centerpiece for Christmas dinner or simply set on a side table in the living room.



### Materials

- 12-inch Styrofoam cone
- Hot glue gun
- 1/4-inch double sided satin ribbon (9 yards for bottom row, 8 yards for middle row, and 5 yards for top row)

## Instructions

1. Cover the Styrofoam tree with satin ribbon.



2. Tack it down with hot glue. Each section is 4 inches high.
3. If you're making an ombre tree, this is a good guide for keeping each section evenly distributed.
4. Starting at the base of the tree, tack down one end of the ribbon and make a simple loop, and then glue it down. Push in the middle of the loop and use a little glue to hold it down. Then make another loop and keep going.



5. Make your way around the circumference of the tree. There is no right or wrong, but the looser and less structured the better.
6. For the top of the tree, put a loop at the top to give the tree some height and a nice finish.

## Stamped Burlap Mini Christmas Trees

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

As far as DIY rustic decor goes, you can't beat these Stamped Burlap Mini Christmas Trees for that country home touch. These tabletop Christmas trees are so easy to make and entirely customizable. Choose the shade of burlap, the stamps, and the color of ink to make a mini tree that is completely your own. Burlap crafts are super "in" right now because burlap is cheap, has a unique texture, and is versatile for all of your crafting ideas. Stamp festive Christmas words, like "joy," "peace," and "love" or just choose your favorite simple image, like a Christmas bow.



### Materials

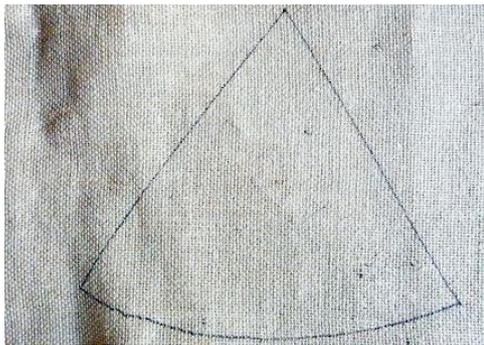
- Burlap
- Papier mache cone
- Sharpie pen
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue (such as Aleene's Tacky Glue )
- Stamps
- Permanent ink stamp pad

## Notes

For decorative stamps, you'll want to pick simple designs, as the detail will get lost in the burlap's texture. Although this bow stamp has some detail, you can tell what it is from a distance and that's what you are looking for in a stamp.

## Instructions

1. Mark the base of your cone with a pen.
2. Lay the cone on the burlap and, starting at the pen mark, rotate the cone while tracing the bottom edge onto the burlap (make sure the tip stays in one place). Stop after one full rotation.
3. Mark the burlap at the tip of the cone.
4. Use a ruler to draw a line from the mark at the base to the mark at the tip.
5. Repeat for the other side. You should have a triangular shape with a curved bottom.



6. If you want seams to show, cut the "triangle" in half at an angle.
7. Glue this piece of burlap onto the center part of the cone and trim it so that the ends meet up perfectly.
8. Using burlap scraps, cover the top and bottom of the cone. Once glued down, trim each piece so that the edges fit together smoothly.
9. Once the glue dries, stamp the burlap tree as desired.

## Unconventional Cork Tree

By: [Mel from Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Fall in love with this Unconventional Cork Tree. The neutral shade of cork, along with the interesting texture makes this a fine addition to your DIY Christmas decor. This mini tree is also budget-friendly because it only uses a few inexpensive materials to create. All you need is a roll of cork, a tree form (which you can make or buy), glue, and scissors. Thin rolls of cork can be cut into "leaves" of the tree and, because it's so flexible, can be given a fun curve. This makes your tabletop tree very unique and attractive.

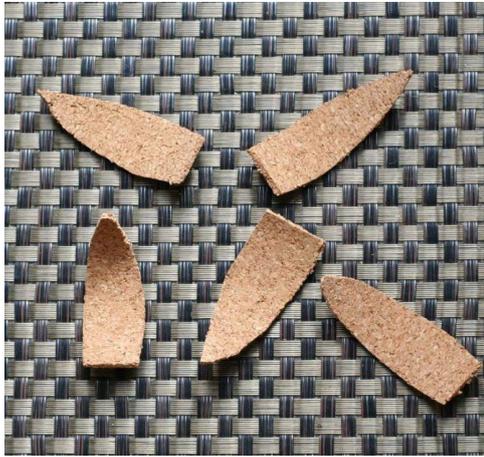


### Materials

- Small roll of thin cork
- Scissors
- Papier mache cone (or other tree form)
- Hot glue gun

## Instructions

1. Unroll your roll of cork. Using the curve to your advantage, cut out the "leaves" with the tip curving in toward the bottom of the leaf. For a 10-1/2-inch tree form, the leaves measured 6 cm x 2 cm.



2. Using your hot glue gun, place a dot of glue on the flat part of your leaf.
3. Start gluing down leaves at the bottom of the tree form and work your way around and up. Layer and overlap the leaves as you go up. When you near the tip of the tree form, you'll need to cut the base of each leaf so that it can wrap around.



4. Continue to overlap and glue down each leaf. For the very top of the tree, cut the leaves so that there is a point at each end.
5. Glue the top tips together to form the pointed tip of the tree.

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