

How to make... a season changing tree

Suitable for ages 3 - 6 with a little adult help

You will need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Anything to colour with eg. felt tips pens/ colouring pencils/ crayons/ paint
- Access to a printer (optional)
- String or ribbon (optional)



If you enjoyed Will Uden's reading of *Persephone and the Four Seasons*, why not have a go at making your own season changing tree? Once made you can turn it into a mobile or a little pop-up book.

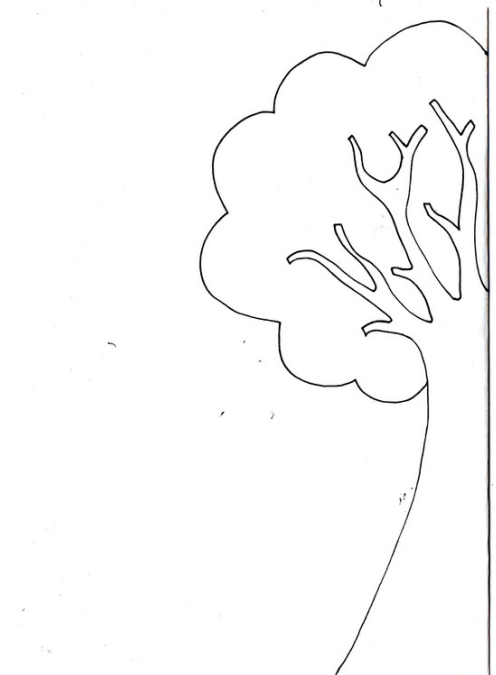
Instructions

Step 1:

Print four copies of our tree template.

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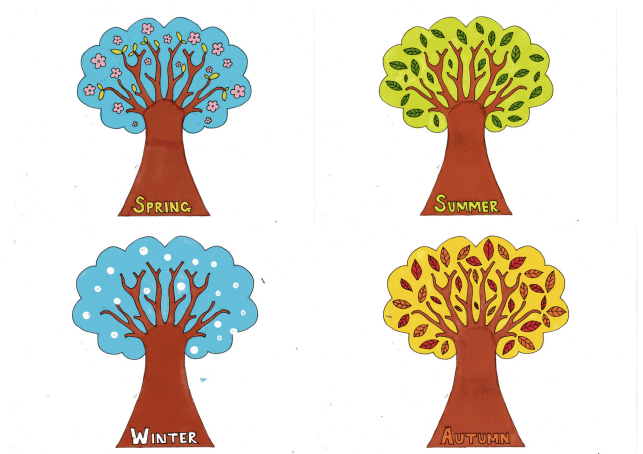
Fold a piece of paper in half and draw out half a tree up against the fold. Cut this out and use as a template to draw out three more trees.



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Step 2:

Colour in your trees to illustrate each season.



Tip:

You could paint with a cotton wool bud to create snowflakes, leaves or blossom; or even finger paint.



Step 3:

Cut out all your trees.



Step 4:

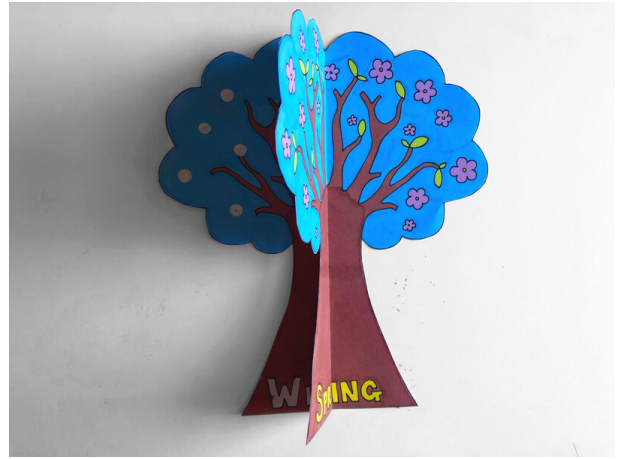
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Step 5:

Starting with winter, put glue all over one half of your tree. Then stick to one half of your spring tree, matching them as closely as you can.



Step 6:

Repeat with the summer and autumn trees.

At this point you could fold another piece of paper and glue the outside half of winter and autumn to either side of the centre fold, creating a lovely season changing pop-up book.

OR

Glue the outside halves of winter and autumn together to create a free standing tree that can turn through the seasons.



One step further:

Tape a loop of string or ribbon to the top of your tree so that the string lies down the middle fold. Then glue the outside half of winter to autumn to create a lovely mobile.

