

CRAFTY CREATIONS

With Alyssa & Tremain

Combining Literature with Fun & Easy Crafts
@ Your Library

“Spring Bag Trees” Activity Sheet

Spring is just around the corner so let's celebrate it with making some fun trees for the season or growth.

What Are Spring Bag Trees?

This fun craft requires very little materials to make and is a project that can take as little or as much time as you like. Spring Bag Trees are perfect for allowing you to make your own tree to celebrate the season. Make one tree to decorate your home or room, or you can make several trees of different sizes and colors and create your own forest-like environment. Regardless of how many you make, this great craft is a fun activity to get the whole family involved in. So grab your favorite children's stories with trees in them, get your materials together, and enrich your stories with this fun project.



Creating Your Own Bag Trees

- Small Brown Paper Lunch Bags
 - Glue or Stapler
 - Green Tissue Paper
1. Open bag, keeping the bottom of bag as flat as possible.
 2. Start twisting upwards until half of bag is done.
 3. Tear strips in the remaining portion of the bag to make limbs. Twist those as well.
 4. Wad small pieces of the green tissue paper to make leaves.
 5. Glue or staple the green tissue paper to the branches to make leaves. And You Are Done!!!



Remember: Spring officially begins on March 21st, and this craft is perfect for creating your own budding trees using items around the house. You can even put heavy items inside the bag to create paperweights, or make many types of trees and create your own outdoors scene, inside the house.

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Children's Books on Springtime & Trees

Below is a listing of suggested popular children's books relating to trees and spring, which are available at your local public library.

- #1  **"The Giving Tree"**
By: Shel Silverstein
Call Number: E SILVERSTEIN
- #2  **"Our Tree Named Steve"**
By: Alan Zweibel
Call Number: E ZWEIBEL
- #3  **"The Money Tree"**
By: Sarah Stewart
Call Number: E STEWART
- #4  **"Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees"**
By: Gail Gibbons
Call Number: J 582.1 GIB

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Tree Coloring Activity

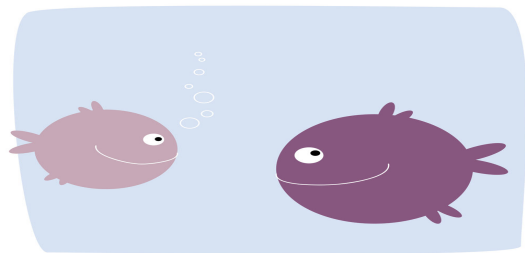


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