

Recycled Christmas tree picture

This makes a lovely present!

You will need: 10 plastic bottle tops all with the same diameter

PVA glue and brush

A hot glue gun

Scraps of pretty fabric, not too thick, to wrap around the tops. I used bits from an old (unwanted) tie.

Backing fabric, or just paper. I used white fabric from an old tablecloth, this created a snowy landscape.

An old picture frame which fits your bottle tops. Charity shops are great places for buying frames.

Any decorative embellishments that you like.

Method: Arrange your bottle tops as shown and check they fit in your frame (remove any glass). I cut circles from my tie fabric that were big enough to cover the tops and be tucked underneath. Use the hot glue gun to secure the fabric, keeping the fabric as smooth as possible.

I painted my frame using white paint & sanded back in places when dry to give it a shabby chic look. Please note some paints will need sealing with acrylic varnish or a layer of PVA glue. I used PVA to glue the white fabric to the frame backing board.

Glue the covered tops to the backing board, using the glue gun, as shown. Keep the tree in the centre of the frame.

I used a felt tip pen to draw a stalk in. You can use a bit of wood, fabric or paper, whatever you prefer.

Use your chosen embellishments to decorate around the tree. I used craft snowflakes and little velvet bows, but you can use anything you like.

This is something that can come out year after year and is made from unwanted things.

Enjoy!



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