

# Trees!

## **You will need:**

**Toilet paper tubes**

**Construction paper**

**Scissors** (regular and, optionally, decorative edge, too)

**Stapler or tape**

**Tacky glue**

**Paint, colored tissue squares, pom-poms, foil/metallic papers, sequins, beads, foam shapes, etc** (optional)

**Treats** (optional)

1. **Decorate the TP roll.** Wrap in paper, paint, glue stuff to, etc.
2. **Choose the color of your "tree" and make a semicircle out of that color paper.** You may cut the rounded edge with decorative scissors. Also, cones can take on many shapes by changing the radius of the circle and/or changing the angle from  $180^\circ$  (perfect semi-circle) to one bigger or smaller. Think of it in terms of fractions of a circle –  $1/3$  will give you a taller, narrower cone, and  $3/4$  will give you a fatter, shorter one.
3. **Wrap the semicircle into a cone shape, being sure the top is pointed, and staple or tape together.**
4. **Fold a strip of paper and cut out half-leaf shapes in several colors.** Glue to the cone.
5. **Optionally, decorate the cone with any other items.**
6. **Seal the bottom of your TP base with a wad of tissue or paper toweling and fill the rest with treats (or a treat.)**
7. **Top with your cone to make a completed tree!**

**This is a nice craft for several age groups as you can control the difficulty by how much you pre-cut and do. Younger kids might just enjoy decorating tree trunks and completed cones, while older ones might want control of the whole process.**

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