

Christmas Tree Decoration made from your children's Hands.

This Christmas decoration can either be made in class or at home.
The design can be large or small

Materials:

- A lot of green sugar paper or green paint and plain paper
- A piece of brown sugar paper for the tree trunk
- A piece of dark sugar paper for the base of the tree
- A piece of yellow or silver foil for the star
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Optional: glitter or paper ornaments to glue on the tree

Method:

1. Either:
 - a) Trace the child's hand on a piece of green paper and cut out the hand print. Or
 - b) paint the child's hand, print on a piece of paper and cut out the hand print.
Or
 - c) use a mixture of a) and b).
2. Make a lot of paper hands (the number you'll need depends on the size of your tree). If this is a class project, you may want to put each child's name on his or her hand print.
3. Draw a tree shape (large triangle) on a large piece of paper.
4. Cut out a small rectangle of dark brown paper (this will be the tree trunk) and glue it below the tree.
5. Glue the hand prints together in a tree shape. Start at the bottom of the

tree and then make the fingers overlap on the second row. Repeat until the whole tree is covered.

6. Cut out a star and glue to the top of the tree.

If you like you could decorate the tree with glitter or paper ornaments. The children may want to write a Christmas wish on the back of their hand print and the ornaments.

If you are completing this at home you could use a different colour green for the



hand each of your children and retain as a keepsake.