

Autumn Trees



Forget the Kancamagus - leaf peep indoors!

Bring a glimpse of New Hampshire's enviable foliage into your home this fall!

Supplies:

- One (1) brown paper bag
- Approximately one hundred (100) squares of crepe paper or streamers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Stapler (optional)

Instructions:



1. Empty and fold the brown bag.
2. Cut between twenty-five (25) and forty (40) straight lines into the top of the brown bag. Length of cuts should be about four to five inches (4"-5"). Width between cuts should be no smaller than three eighths inch (3/8"); aim for one quarter inch (1/4") or larger. See **Figure 1**.
3. Open the paper bag and set it on the table. Firmly grab the middle section between the main fold and the bottom of your cuts (**Fig. 2**).
4. With your other hand, twist the base of the paper bag. Your result should look like **Figure 3**. If your tree can not stand up on its own after twisting, consider stapling some sections together for greater stability.
5. To create a branch, isolate one (1) strip from the top of the bag and twist (**Fig. 4**).
6. Continue until all the strips are twisted. Consider varying the direction of twisting for a more gnarled look.
7. Next, add the foliage. Pinch one (1) square of crepe paper in the middle of the square. Smooth the rest of the square away from your pinch. See **Figure 5**.
8. Add glue to the pinched point of the crepe paper square (**Fig. 6**) and attach to the tree (**Fig. 7**).
9. Continue until all squares of crepe paper are gone.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7

