



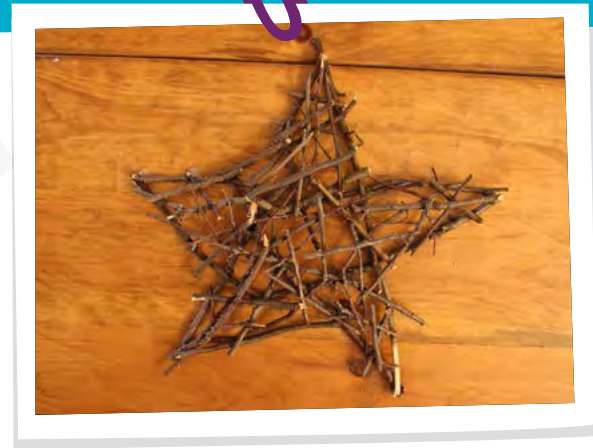
LETS MAKE Twig Art

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Difficulty ★★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆



YOU WILL NEED:

- Twigs – Be sure there is no mold or moss growing on your twigs, and its best to remove any loose bark.
- Strong glue or a glue gun
- Pencil and eraser
- A piece of cardboard (recycled)
- A black marker
- A plastic bag you can see-through (recycled works)
- A piece of string to hang your art when its completed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS YOU MAY NEED:

- spray varnish
- acrylic paints
- coloured card or paper
- glow in the dark paints
- small elastic bands
- paper or small bull clips
- twine



ALWAYS READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BEFORE YOU START.

1

Draw the shape you have picked for your twig art on the cardboard using your pencil and eraser. And then trace the final shape with you black marker to create a template for your project.



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If using glue, cover the cardboard with the see-through plastic bag. If you are using a glue gun, DON'T use a plastic bag. The hot glue will melt the plastic and could be a hazard. Work directly on the cardboard instead.



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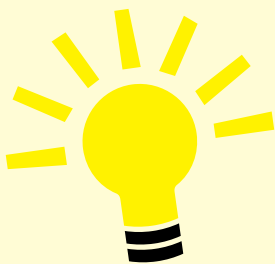
Following your template, place the twigs to form the outline of your shape. Once you are happy with the outline, place glue anywhere the twigs touch. Let the outline dry for a bit, so it won't move easily when you add more twigs.

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Once the outline of your twig art has dried a bit, begin filling it in. Add twigs onto the "frame" one-by-one. Make sure each twig touches another in at least two places and that you glue each one in place as you go. If you find it starts to get tricky to lay a twig without moving others, simply let it dry for a bit before you continue.



TIPS:



- Be sure not to include twigs with moss or mold growing on them!
- It is important that there is no loose bark on the twigs. If you place your glue on a twig with loose bark, the bark can break away leaving the twig unattached and these points will weaken your art.
- Make sure to use glue that dries clear. You may notice that the glue appears dry to the touch but still has white showing – if you use glue that dries clear the white colouration will go with a bit of time. You just need to wait for it to dry all the way through.
- Twigs from different trees make for more interesting twig art than twigs that are all collected from the same tree.

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Once your art is completely dry, it's recommended that you cover it with a few coats of spray varnish. It helps protect and add additional strength to the project. Coating both sides of your art will make achieve the best protection and strength.

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Now just add a piece of string or twine and hang. A black or dark string works best as it blends in with the twigs. You can colour your string if you only have white with a marker.



ADD A BIT OF WOW TO YOUR TWIG ART!

1

Loosely trace your twig art onto a coloured piece of card or paper. Then, using the outline as a guide, cut out a colour background for your art. Attach by placing glue onto the twigs and then placing the coloured shape on top and let dry. When you hang your art the coloured paper will show through.



2

Paint just a few of the twigs before you glue them together to create a unique look for your twig art.



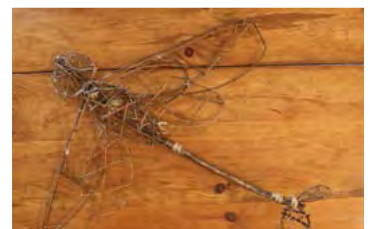
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Paint all the twigs before you glue them into your shape. Here the twigs were painted two different shades of gold to make the star that bit more special. You can spray paint your project a single colour after its glued together but remember that the glue drips will get painted too.



4

Using twigs that naturally lend themselves to a certain shape can allow you to get really creative. Try soaking the twigs in water to make them flexible, the best twigs for this are willow as they are long and naturally bendy. Then by using elastic bands, twine or paper & bull clips to shape them, you can create some really exciting projects— like this dragonfly.



THAT'S IT! YOU'RE DONE.

Take a picture of your masterpiece and send it to **GALLERY@THATCRAFTGUY.com** so we can post it in our gallery! And don't forget to check out other great project ideas at **THATCRAFTGUY.com**!