



Spike's Christmas Activity 1

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Welcome to Spike's first Christmas info-activity page.

Spike has been learning about Christmas and wanted to know more about why we have Christmas Trees. Here's what he found out.

The Romans brought fir trees inside and decorated them as a symbol of life in the cold winters.

Modern Christmas trees originated in Germany in the mid-sixteenth century. They would decorate the branches with candles.

During Queen Victoria's reign, decorating trees became fashionable in the UK, especially from 1848 when a picture was shared in the Illustrated London News of the Royal family with their tree. The large tree came from Prince Albert's home country of Germany, and it was decorated with glass ornaments also from Germany.

Activity; Make your own Paper Cone Christmas Tree - instructions on the next page.



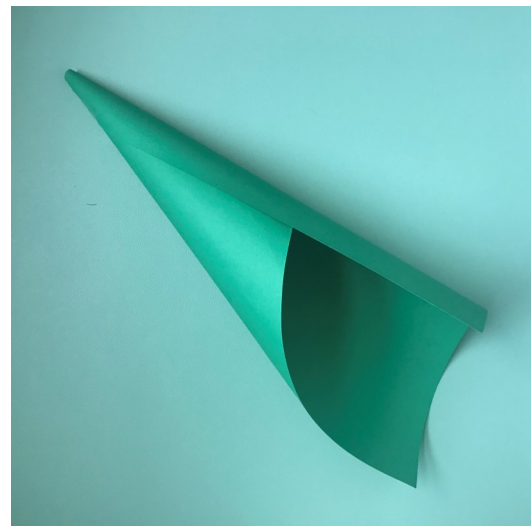
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Make your own Christmas Tree



Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need green card, coloured tissue paper, yellow card, scissors and glue.



Step 2. Roll the card into a cone and stick in place.



Step 3. Use the scissors the cut the extra card off the bottom of the cone so that it stands flat.



Step 4. Scrunch the tissue paper and stick it on to the cone, then cut a star out of the yellow card and place it on the top.

You have finished your tree, don't forget to share what you have made with us #SpikeDinosAdventures