

# Spike's Christmas Activity 2



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Welcome to a themed Spike Dino page for children (and adults)

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

Spike loves the different decorations that can be found on a Christmas tree. He has decorated his little trees with wooden and sparkly decorations. But why do we decorate Christmas trees? Here's what Spike found out.

Baubles were first invented in the small German town on Lauscha in the 16th century. This town would become infamous for its skill in glass-blowing and Christmas ornament production.

The most traditional decorations for the Christmas tree include stars, angels, fruit, Father Christmas and lights.

Did you know colours on trees their own traditions in history too?

Red, gold and green goes back to winter plants - green for the evergreen holly or mistletoe plants and red for seasonal berries, while gold represents the sun.

Blue and white, or silver represents various symbols. One is the Jewish faith so they can have their own Christmas tree during Hanukkah. Others include peace or snow - represented by white. Blue can symbolise the sky or heaven and Mary, Jesus' mother.



**Activity:** Make your own wreath decoration - instructions on the next page.

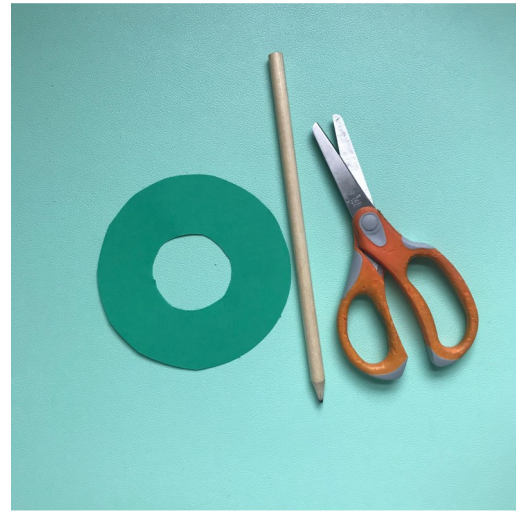
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## Make your own Christmas Wreath Decoration



**Step 1.** Gather your materials. You will need card, green wool, coloured tissue paper, a pencil, scissors and glue.



**Step 2.** Cut a ring out of the card, see picture above.



**Step 3.** Wrap the wool around the ring, see picture above.



**Step 4.** Decorate your wreath with pieces of tissue paper and any scrap card you might have. .

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