

Mini Paper Mache Trees

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Materials:

- Oatmeal Container
- 2 thin wood strips (cut off paint stirrers)
- ½" pvc pipe
- Small screws
- Thin cardboard (cereal box)
- Kraft paper
- Paper Mache Clay
- Dark brown and white paint
- Spanish moss

Tools:

- Knife (or saw)
- Masking Tape
- Spray Glue
- Heat gun
- Sharpie
- Scissors
- PVC Pipe cutter (saw will do, pvc cutters are awesome)
- Bucket of water
- Paper plate (for paint pallet)
- Paint brush
- Gloves

Steps:

1. Draw face on Oatmeal container with a sharpie.
2. Cut out the face.
3. Cut strips of the cereal box about ½" wide and as long as possible.
4. Place the strips inside the face cut outs at 90 degrees, making them stick out forward. Use the masking tape to secure the strips.
5. Make paper mache clay. Choose your favorite recipe.
6. Put paper mache clay around the face and the cardboard strips, giving depth to the face and allowing for the openings to remain clear.
7. Let paper mache dry. This may take 1-2 days depending on climate/season.
8. Secure (Glue or screws) the wood strips on the inside of the container where the arms will attach.
9. Cut two pieces of pvc pipe long enough for the arms.
10. Using the heat gun melt the pipe so it is flexible. Bend and form the arms, dip pipe in water to cool/set the new shape.
11. Attach arms to tree
12. Tear off sections of kraft paper and crumple them up.
13. Spray glue and attach paper over all the cardboard and arms according to glue instructions.
14. Use spray foam or paper for roots
15. Paint tree with a dark brown color, let dry.
16. Mix white paint into the dark brown to lighten the color.
17. Dry brush on the lighter brown paint.
18. Add moss as needed.

