



Create Your Own Magazine Trees

Making a magazine tree is fun and a great way to recycle magazines. All it takes is a few precise folds and eventually you have a perfectly shaped tree that you can have fun displaying.

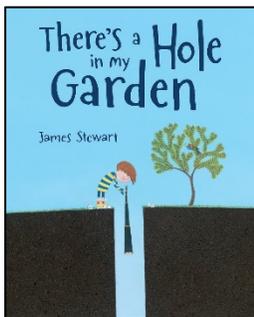


Materials:

- 2 magazines
- Glue
- Embellishments

Directions:

1. Trees are all around us. They come in many different shapes, sizes, and even colors. Introduce the magazine tree project by noticing the different types of trees in your area. What do they look like? What makes trees similar? What makes them different? What shapes do you notice? There are two types of trees—conifers (evergreen) and deciduous (shedding trees). Classify the trees you see into these two categories.



2. Consider reading the book *There's a Hole in my Garden* by James Stewart. If you are unable to find this book at the library, consider viewing a reading of the story online.

3. Start creating your own coniferous tree. Open one magazine to the middle page and then make the first fold by folding the right corner down along the inner spine of the magazine.





4. Make a second fold by folding the first fold over one more time towards the inner spine.

5. The third fold is made by folding the bottom pieces up to form a flat edge at the bottom. It is super easy since there is already a line to follow with the line of the paper.



6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 with each page in BOTH magazines.

7. Glue the two magazine covers together using hot glue to create a cone tree shape. It can take a lot of glue! Arrange pages to the desired shape.

8. Leave the tree as is for a vintage look or embellish your tree with spray paint, ribbons, sequins, beads, buttons, pom-poms, etc. Make your tree look unique and special.



Helpful Tips:

- Nice, crisp folds and points are necessary to achieve the desired look. This can be challenging for little hands, so consider folding 15-20 pages at a time then take a break or complete over a period of days.
- Consider making additional trees to add to your display. Maybe you want to use different sized magazines for different sized trees.
- This project may be better suited for older Clover Kids. It is great for developing fine motor skills.