

# PIPE CLEANER



## Christmas Tree



Cut the pipe cleaners to desired lengths. You want 3 uncut pipe cleaners, and assorted other sizes for your branches.



Start with the 3 uncut pipe cleaners for the trunk of the tree. Twist the 3 pipe cleaners together to form a thick strip. Bend the ends at the very top out to mimic a real tree.



Use the shorter pieces near the top of the tree, and use increasingly longer pieces the farther down the tree you go.



Wrap the pipe cleaners around the tree base and bend as desired to make branches.



Once your tree is made, you will notice that it won't stand up on its own, which is why you will create the clay base.



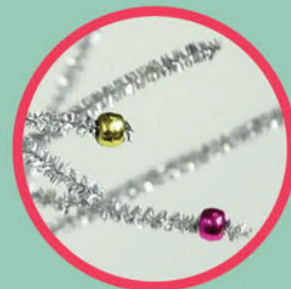
Use any colors of polymer clay you would like. Roll it into a ball and set it on a flat surface so that it develops a flat bottom.



Form a hole in the clay stand by sticking the bottom of the tree into the clay piece (roughly 1/2 to 1 inch deep). You could alternatively use a pencil or other similarly sized cylindrical object to create the hole.



Bake the clay tree stand according to the directions on the package.



Decorate your tree by sliding pony beads onto the branches.



Set your pipe cleaner tree in the clay base and display!

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