



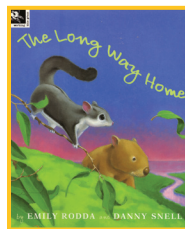
Book title: THE LONG WAY HOME By Emily Rodda and Danny Snell

Recycled Christmas Tree

Make a tree from recycled junkmail.

You will need:

- Template
- Pencils, textas etc
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Paper towel roll (or toilet roll for a small tree)
- Junk Mail, magazines, newspaper (or Christmas wrapping paper)
- Small pot or garden container
- Sand
- String or ribbon.



Instructions

1. Colour in the template
2. Cut out the shapes and thread ribbon through the top of each
3. Tightly roll a few sheets of junkmail into a thin 'tree branch' and stick with sticky tape. Repeat until you have approx 10 branches (or less for a smaller tree)
4. Attach branches to the paper towel roll to resemble a tree
5. Place the base of the tree into the pot and pour in sand to cover approx half the roll and secure the tree
6. Decorate with the decorations.

Adult supervision is essential.

Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

Ideas

Decorate your tree with other items. What else can you make from junk mail or scrap paper? Paperchains, lanterns, snowflakes, etc.

Paint your tree and pot, and decorate with glitter, shiny wrapping paper, ribbons, etc. Or wrap the tree branches with foil.

Use found items from a walk outside (gumnuts, pinecones, sticks, leaves, shells) to make Christmas ornaments.

If you don't have a pot and sand then roll up a strip of corrugated cardboard (such as a nappy box) to make a firm base.

Key Message: Children learn through being engaged and doing

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