

Christmas Trees

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Fun and easy to make, these little trees are attractive placed on side tables or a mantle.

You will need:

- one 9" and one 12"-high green styrofoam cone**
- a large bunch of assorted-size silk ivy leaves**
- silver or gold spray glitter**
- small wooden star for top of each tree**
- 4 clear star gem beads to glue onto the wooden stars**
- red ribbon roses**
- 4 popsicle sticks**
- appliqué pins**
- gem beads and stars to decorate**
- Spanish moss**
- 2 heavyweight glass bowls for stands**
- green florists' foam—shaped to fill each bowl**
- hot glue gun and glue**

Basic directions:

Cut the ivy leaves off the stems and glue onto each cone, overlapping to cover both cones completely. Apply the larger leaves to the bottom of the cone and work your way to the top, using smaller leaves as you go. Glue a clear star gem bead onto both sides of the wooden star, then glue the star upright onto the top of each tree.

Spray each tree with your choice of gold or silver spray glitter, following the directions on the can. Allow to dry (takes about ten minutes)—being sure to do this in a well ventilated area. Pin red ribbon roses to the trees and glue on assorted, colorful gem beads as desired.

Cut a chunk of florists' foam to fit each glass bowl and roll the Spanish moss around the sides of the foam. Press this piece firmly into the bowl. Push two popsicle sticks into the top of the foam inside the glass bowl, then center the tree over the top and press down, pushing the sticks into the bottom of the tree.

