



# Salvaged wood tree



Instead of having a living fir Christmas tree, why not take some wood that is well past its growing days and create something novel and unique? Use this tree design to inspire your own creation this Christmas...

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## MATERIALS

- Leftover wood (I used a piece that is 10x10cm thick)
- Long, thin piece of wood for the tree trunk
- Christmas decorations
- White paint
- Christmas stamp and paint
- Wood glue

## EQUIPMENT

- Paintbrush
- Mitre/hand saw
- Hammer and nails
- Work bench
- Hand sander

♥ **STEP ONE** First, measure five pieces of wood and a trunk for the tree. Each one needs to be 6cm smaller than the other. I used the following measurements – 12, 18, 24, 30, 36cm – which allowed me to stack them on top of each other.

♥ **STEP TWO** Work on a solid and stable surface and cut the pieces with the mitre or hand saw according to the measurements. Use a hand sander to smooth the edges. Wipe them clean with a damp cloth.

♥ **STEP THREE** Glue them on top of each other with the wood glue, to form a wooden Christmas tree.

♥ **STEP FOUR** Nail the trunk to the newly made tree and paint it white. Allow to dry.

♥ **STEP FIVE** When completely dry, use the stamps and decorations to decorate the tree.

**TOP TIP**  
We painted the tree white so it would work well with red decorations, but you can play with other colour schemes like green and purple.

