

SEASONS TREE

You will need:

- scissors
- glue
- coloured pencils or paints
- a variety of craft bits, e.g. bits of coloured paper, tissue paper, cotton wool etc.
- 4 x copies of the Seasons Tree template (from the West Cheshire Museums website), either printed onto card, or onto paper and then stuck onto card.



How to make your seasons tree:

1. Colour in the four tree trunks, then the surrounding 'leaf' area - choose an appropriate colour for each season e.g. dark green for summer, blue-white for winter, light green for spring and orange/yellow for autumn.
2. To create a more realistic Seasons Tree, add leaves, blossom, fruit and even snow using coloured bit of paper/tissue paper and cotton wool. Be creative – how about adding some birds or a squirrel? You can use whichever materials you wish or simply draw and colour in shapes on the tree.
3. When you have decorated all four season tree panels, let them dry completely (if you used paints), and then when dry fold each one in half along the centre line so that they can lie on top of each other with exactly the same outline. Make sure you fold them so that the coloured side is on the inside.



4. Starting with spring, fold the tree in half and apply glue to the back right-hand panel and glue the back left-hand panel of the summer tree to it. Then continue all the way round - checking the seasons are in the correct sequence (spring, summer, autumn, winter) - until your tree is completely stuck together and free-standing. You should be able to see each season displayed on your Seasons Tree in sequence as you turn it around.

