

Yardstick Christmas Tree

8" x 10"



Materials

36" Little Quilts Yardstick or vintage yardstick if you can find one!

2 yds. bakers twine, floral wire, string or yarn.

Green Rit Dye, stain, or diluted folk art paints

Assembly

Cut the yardstick to the following measurements - 2", 3", 4", 5", 6" 7", and 8". The little 1" piece remaining becomes the trunk. Lightly sand and round the corners with sandpaper.

Lay the pieces out, lining them up like a tree (see above). Drill small holes at top and bottom of each piece. (Note placement for drilling - see our oops on the 4th branch - ours is upside down!)

We used $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Green Rit Dye, diluted with water in a zip lock bag, and added the tree set, mixed til all pieces were coated with dye. Remove pieces and lay them on an old towel to dry. You can also paint the strips with diluted craft paint and wipe to remove excess so writing shows through.

Cut twine to 5" pieces and tie tree strips together.

Embellish with beads, glitter, old buttons, etc. Add a star or other embellishments.

