

GROOVY TREES

These tiny tree motifs will bring festive fun to your seasonal decorations, enhance your Christmas table and add pzazz to your gift wrap. If you can scribble, doodle and snip you can make all of these, so have fun!

YOU WILL NEED:

- Pilot Gold and Silver markers, extra fine and medium
- Scraps of coloured card
- Gold or silver cord
- Glue Dots Glueline and Didi-Dots
- Star sequins, craft wire and beads
- Glass votives or tea light holders
- Spring-clip card holders
- Scissors
- Plier hole punch

DOODLE-DECORATING

Nothing can be easier than doodle-style decorations using our gold and silver markers to make loops, dots, zigzags or swirls on smooth, corrugated or lightly textured card. For groovy festive stripes, try running our extra fine gold or silver marker lightly and slowly in the grooves of corrugated card, or rub a medium tipped gold or silver marker over the raised ribs.

Practical Tip:

When decorating non-absorbent surfaces such as glass, plastic or metal, allow plenty of drying time before handling.

TREE GARLAND

Step 1

Decorate lots of coloured card scraps and then snip pointed triangles and plant pot shapes. We've given you a template but don't worry about making them all exactly the same size as a little variation will add to the handcrafted look.

Step 2

Cut pieces of gold or silver cord for the trunks, attaching with glue strips to the reverse of the trees and pots. Using a plier punch, make two holes in each tree and thread them onto a length of cord.

TABLE DECOR

Place Card

Cut a tree and pot then place the tree in the spring-clip of a card holder. Attach the pot to the front of the clip, using glue strip. Your tree is now ready for a mini-name tag and decorations.

Napkin Ring

Make a tree motif, as for the garland. Top it with a sequin, thread a length of cord through the holes and then tie around the napkin or why not decorate a bottle of bubbly?

Glass Candle Tumbler

Make easy tree motifs on glass by first drawing a vertical 'dotty' line, the height of the tree. Using our gold or silver markers, add a base line, in dots, and then complete the triangular shape with more dots. Draw the pot by making rows of dots until the pot is big enough. It's easy to space the trees evenly around the glass if you complete one tree first and then place a tree opposite. Now place a tree between the first two, and then place another tree opposite, and keep working in this way until your design is complete.

Note: Pilot's gold and silver markers are permanent and if you wish to use on drinking tumblers make sure you wash the tumblers carefully with a non abrasive detergent to preserve the design. It's also wise not to use the markers inside the tumbler or around the neck of the glass.

Silver Tree Candle Holder

Cut a triangular tree shape from silver craft foil and tie onto a glass candle holder with craft wire. Add silver pen dot above and below the tree shape and add a squiggly line to the rim of the glass. When cutting craft foil, always round off shapes so that there are no sharp corners.

GIFT WRAP

Write or doodle, in gold or silver, on plain tissue paper. Wrap your gift and then dress it with cord or threads, little name tags, beads, bells and mini-trees. Dress a plain gift bag with a tree motif. Add gold or silver cord handles and other metallic elements such as a tag, or a little peg.

We hope you'll find inspiration here. We think these crafty Christmas decorations look great so, why not have a go at making these for yourself? As you can see they couldn't be easier. So have fun and from everyone at Pilot have a Happy Christmas.