

Instructions for: Christmas Tree Topiary

Supplies:

- Floracraft foam cone 9" or any size that you like (I like to make a family of different sizes)
- Creative Cuts Felt to cover the cone
- Fabric scraps or a ¼ yard each of different prints (as many as you like)
- Dressmaker pins
- Pipe Cleaner for the birds legs
- Sequins
- Scissors

Cutting Instructions:

1. Decide on the shapes that you want to place on the tree; I used a flower shape, you can use a flower or circle either one will work. Draw and cut out your templates; mine are 2 ¼", 2", 1 ½", 1", you can use smaller ones if so desired.
2. Trace the patterns onto the fabric and cut them out; you will need 26 of each size if using the 9" cone.
3. Trace 2 identical bird shapes onto the felt that is left over from the cone and cut them out. Cut two 1 ½" lengths of pipe cleaner, trim the chenille almost off and lay them ¼ " in on the birds belly, put some glue on one bird shape and place the other bird shape on top. Using a black pen draw the wings, beak and eyes on both of the bird shapes. Set aside
4. Cover the cone in felt and pin in place.
5. Center all of the flowers on top of each other, place a sequin in the center of the top of the stack, place a pin in the eye of the sequin and put a drop of glue on top to hold in place.
6. Starting at the base of the cone, pin a row of flowers, aligning the bottom edge of the flowers with the bottom edge of the tree. Continue the process until you are at the top, place a flower on top.
7. Bend the legs of the bird a ¼" at bottom for feet, bend the top of 2 pins over and place the bird in the center of the top of the tree, pin the feet down with the pins and glue in place.

Enjoy!

