



# Whoville Tree

## GETTING STARTED

### KIT CONTENTS

- 1 container filled with sand
- 1 bundle of cedar + 2 stems of fir/pine
- 1 floral foam cut to size
- 1 larger, dangly ornament
- 9 small ornaments
- 3 star ornaments
- 6 pompoms/styro balls
- 5 aluminum swirl/twirls
- 1 card of wire
- 1 card of tree trim/garland

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

covered work space/table  
bucket or sink of water  
pruning shear/bypass pruners  
scissors  
hot glue gun + glue sticks  
garden gloves  
apron





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## INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 01

Start by placing your block of foam into the bucket or sink of water. Let the foam sit and soak the water naturally, don't push it down. Add some water to the container with sand, just so the sand is saturated.

### STEP 02

Once the foam is soaked it will be a dark green and heavy. Gently place the foam into the container.

### STEP 03

Trim your cedar into some nice tall, long pieces and shorter pieces. You can use the tall main branches as your tall, center pieces and if you trim the pieces near the bottoms of the stems you can use those shorter pieces to fill in.

### STEP 04

Begin in the center of the foam, placing the taller pieces in - inserting well into the pot, even into the sand. These are the main support branches so those need to be in there well. Work your way out to the edges of the pot spacing out the pieces of cedar until you've reached the edges.

- clean the ends of the stems of greenery, removing the 'leaves' that will be in the foam- you can use a shark paring knife to shave off the 'leaves', cleaning the stem to the bark.
- the center, larger stems should be placed well into the pot, while all the filler pieces can be inserted from 0.5" - 1" into the foam.
- insert the pieces into the foam straight up and down so you can maximize the area.





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### STEP 05

Once you reach the edge of the pot with the greenery, you can wrap the tree with the wire and give it form. Tie the end of the wire to a small branch and place it into the pot at the edge. Hold the greenery up as you wrap around the tree, working your way up to the top. At the top twist the wire once to secure and leave the end of the wire to secure your larger, dangly ornament.

### STEP 06

Trim pieces of the pine, fir and use the extra smaller pieces of greenery to fill in the space between the edge of the pot and the base of the tree. Work your way around the base of the tree using a mix of the greenery to create a nice flared out accent of greenery at the base.

- turn the pot as you work so it's easier to see where you need to add more greenery stems.
- turn the pot as you wrap the wire as well if you can to make it easier – you can go back and adjust the wire around as needed to pull it tighter or make it looser around the greenery.
- try not to put a stem into the foam and remove, as it will create holes and prevent water uptake.
- you can 'shave' the ends of the stems with a sharp paring knife to make the stems clean, as well as a little thinner prior to placing in foam.







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## FINISHING IT UP

### DECORATING

Start with the tree trim/garland. Tie or glue the end to the base and wrap the trim around the tree working up as you go. Secure the end of the trim at the top tip of the tree with hot glue. Trim any excess wire or garland.

Glue each of the ornaments into the tree with hot glue – simply add the glue at the base of the ornaments and nestle into the greenery where you would like.

- add water to the tree every couple of days to keep it fresh.
- the tree will dry out in shape, however will become brittle and a fire hazard – use caution where it is placed.

If you have any questions about completing your project, please email [info@twobudsfloral.com](mailto:info@twobudsfloral.com)

*happy holidays!*

