

How To:

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Make Twig Stars

Twig Stars are quick and easy to make any time of the year. They can be used as festive ornaments both inside and outside of your home and can make a unique natural gift for all ages.

You Will Need:

- 5 similar sized thin twigs collected from your garden or local parkland and trimmed to the same length - roughly the length of your wrist to your elbow.
- You will gently weave your twigs to make your 'stars' so check your twigs are slightly bendy! Willow, dogwood (with red & yellow stems) or hazel are great woods to use.
- Florist wire or elastic bands to join your twigs.
- String or twine (to finish).
- Pair of gloves (optional).
- Scissors.
- Additional decorating materials (Christmas or natural items)



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Use the **'Red Stars'** in the photos to show you where to join your twigs together.

Step 1: Take 2 twigs and cross them, with 1 twig positioned on top of the other. Join twigs together using the florist wire or elastic bands. You will need to wrap the wire/band around and under both twigs until they feel firmly fastened together.

Please be careful if using wire as the ends can be very sharp!

Step 2: Attach your 3rd twig, making sure it is positioned on the top and join the twigs together. Carefully weave your 3rd twig so it bends under the far sided twig as shown.

Step 3: Attach your 4th twig, making sure it is positioned on the top. Join these twigs together. Carefully move your 4th twig so it 'weaves' under the far sided twig as shown.

Step 4: Your final twig is joined to the far point of twig 4 and then weaves over and then under to reach the joining point of twig 2, as shown.

Step 5: Use your string or twine to carefully wrap around all 'joined' points to finish your star, covering the florist wire or elastic bands.

Congratulations! You can now decorate your star or leave it as it is.

Don't forget to share your finished stars with us! @theparkstrust

