

DIY Tree Stump Seat

Make the Tree Stump Seat: This is a papier-mâché project used at the Snack site.

You need: 5-gallon bucket, white butcher paper, plastic table cloth, plastic or grocery bags, white school glue, water, tray, and assorted shades of brown paint.

1. Assemble supplies.
2. Cover your tabletop with the plastic tablecloth.
3. Cut thirty 4- to 5-inch strips of butcher paper and two 18-inch square pieces to cover the top of the bucket. (Butcher paper is frequently sold in rolls that are 18 inches wide, so your strips will be 18 inches long. It will be easy to cut the large pieces 18 inches square.)
4. Make your glue mixture by mixing 2 cups of glue to 4 cups of water. Stir.
5. Flip the bucket upside down, and tape the handle to the bucket.
6. Tape bunched-up plastic grocery bags around the base of the bucket forming a tree trunk shape.
7. Dip the large sheet of paper into the glue and water mixture covering the entire sheet. Use your fingers to wipe off the excess. Put the large sheet on the top of the tree trunk. Then, dip each of the paper strips into the mixture and carefully place them around the sides of the tree trunk, being sure to overlap each strip. Start at the top edge and let the excess paper fan out on the tabletop. These will be the tree roots.
8. When you have completed the first layer of strips, add a second later of strips, then top with the second large square piece of butcher paper.
9. Let it dry thoroughly.
10. Use a scissors to cut roots shapes around the bottom of the tree.
11. Use various shades of brown acrylic paint to decorate your tree stump. Add the tree rings on the top with a marker or a pencil.
12. Leave the bucket in place to use for a seat and to protect the tree stump from being crushed by curious kids or adults!

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