

Apple Tree Through the Seasons Craft Instructions

Materials Needed:

- 12 x 18 sheet of light blue construction paper folded in ¼'s and labeled Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter (1 sheet per student)
- pencil (1 per student)
- 4 ½ x 3 brown construction paper rectangles (4 per student)
- gluestick (1 per child)
- approximately 20-30, 1 inch green tissue paper squares per child
- 1, 2 by 2 inch square of pink per child
- 6-8 green construction paper hole punched circles per student
- 1 inch yellow, orange, brown tissue paper squares (4-5 of each color per student)
- Red paint
- crayons

Instructions:

Have students...

1. Tear each piece of brown paper to make 4 tree trunks.
2. Glue the tree trunks above the season name.

Spring

Notes to discuss: Tiny green leaves begin to appear on trees, pink apple blossoms form, baby birds are born in nests in the tree, birds return from the south, etc.

1. Use leftover brown scraps to make some branches. Glue.
2. Spread glue where want leaves for Spring tree.
3. Scrunch green tissue paper over eraser and place on the Spring tree.
4. Tear pink paper to make pink apple blossoms for the Spring tree and attach.

Summer

Notes to discuss: Green apples grow larger on the trees, full green leaves

1. Spread glue where want leaves for Summer tree.
2. Lay green tissue paper flat to make summer leaves and press onto glue.
3. Glue green whole punched dots for the new, small, green apples on the summer tree.

Fall

Notes to discuss: Leaves change to golden colors and then begin to fall as it gets cooler, big red apples are ready to be picked, birds fly south to warmer climate, animals gather food to prepare for winter

1. Spread glue where want leaves for fall tree.
2. Glue yellow, brown, and orange tissue paper (4-5 of each) flat on the Fall tree.
3. Use thumb to paint big red apples on the fall tree.

Winter

Notes to discuss: No leaves on trees, bare branches, snowy and cold, many animals are hibernating

1. Use scraps of brown to form/glue branches onto the winter tree.

Optional: Add summer sun, fall birds flying south, spring baby birds in nests, self in seasonal clothing, winter snow, etc.