

REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE!



AGE 7+



60 MINUTES



MAKING

We all love beautiful decorations to celebrate the holiday season so get creative and have a go at making your own this year. Natural and recycled decorations can be very beautiful, fun to make and a good way to avoid buying more plastics. www.org.uk/creativeactivities

DRIED ORANGE SLICES



Slice oranges and place on a baking sheet on a low heat in the oven for several hours until no moisture is left. Next thread recycled ribbon or twine through your slices. They are now ready to hang on your tree.

SCENTED ORANGES



Simply take a clementine and stud with cloves, tie with a coloured ribbon. These make beautiful simple decorations and smell wintery for weeks.

PINECONES



Collect pinecones and decorate with white paint as if dusted with snow. When dry, place a loop of recycled ribbon on the top, fixing with a drawing pin. These can be hung in garlands, bunches or straight onto your tree.

STARS



Cut out a simple square shape from recycled decorative paper or a magazine. Pleat the paper, folding back and forth until you make a fan. Next staple the middle of the fan. Pull one end of the fan to the other, staple again. Take a loop of ribbon and staple this in the two ends not attached to make a flower shape. They look very effective hanging in groups or dotted over a tree.

MAKE YOUR OWN WRAPPING PAPER



Take sheets of plain brown parcel paper and stencil or print your own design onto the paper. Homemade wrapping can be personalised for the person you are giving to. You could look to nature for your inspiration – robins, trees, snowflakes, and holly can be fun to create with.

HA-HA!

Why did the orange stop halfway across the road? Because it ran out of juice!