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PINE CONE CHRISTMAS GNOMES

Make these adorable gnomes to sit on a shelf or decorate the Christmas tree.



You will need:

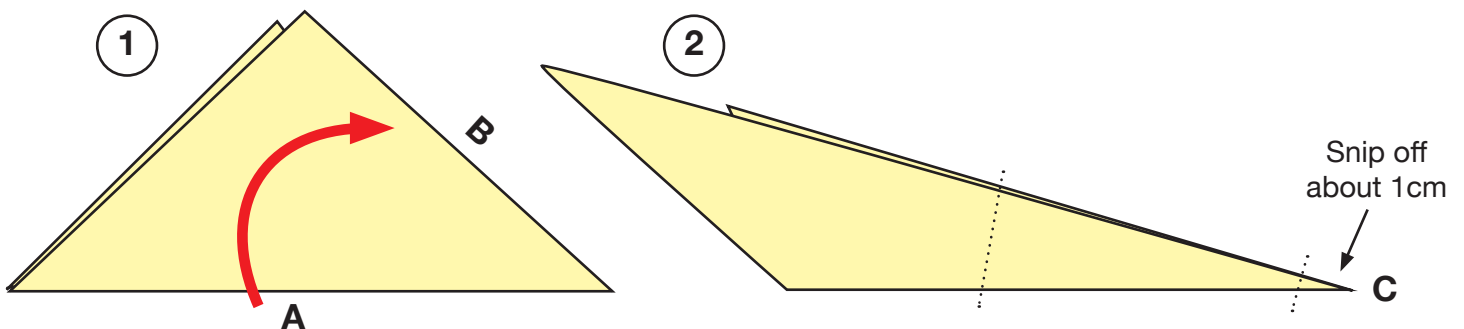
- Pine cones
- Felt squares
- Pom-poms
- Cotton wool
- Small pipecleaner (optional)

Other things you'll need:

- Glue (a hot glue gun works best)
- Scissors

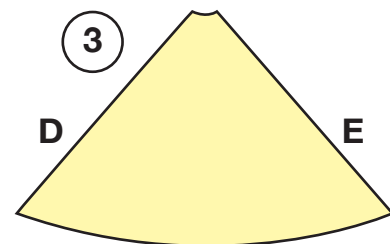
How to make it:

- 1 Cut a triangular shape from felt to make the hat. The easiest way to do this is to take a 22 x 22cm felt square and fold it in half diagonally. Then fold edge **A** up to meet edge **B** as shown in diagram 1.



- 2 Cut along the dotted line about 12-14cm from the point as shown in diagram 2. Then snip off about 1cm from the point marked **C**.

- 3 Open out the felt piece you have just cut. You should have a shape roughly like that shown in diagram 3. Use a glue gun to glue the two sides **D** and **E** together into a cone. Leave to dry.



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- 4 Glue a pom-pom onto the top of the felt hat. Set aside to dry.
- 5 Next, glue a small piece of cotton wool onto the pine cone to make the gnome's wispy beard.
- 6 **Optional:** if you want to create the hat's bent effect as shown in the image, take a small pipecleaner and place it lengthways inside the hat before gluing the hat to the pine cone. You might find it helps to bend the pipecleaner in half before inserting it into the hat for a bit more rigidity. Once you've attached the hat to the pine cone and allowed it to dry, you can bend the hat to create the effect.

If you don't want to create the bent effect, leave out the pipecleaner and use the glue gun to glue the hat to the pine cone.

- 7 Finish by gluing a pom-pom onto the gnome at the base of the hat. This is the gnome's nose so it's traditional to use a skin-tone colour, but you can use any colour – the choice is yours! Alternatively, you can also use a bead to make the gnome's nose.

