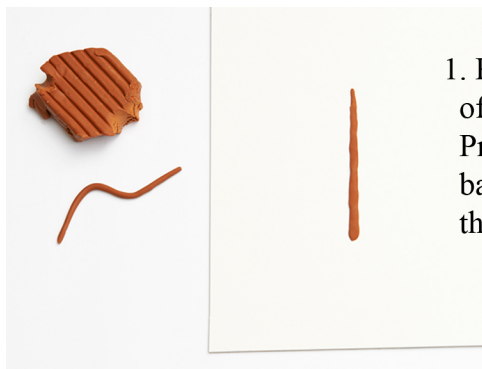# Make A Plasticine Tree Ornament

Materials
- A small paper plate, plastic yogurt lid or small piece of cardboard.
- Plasticine or modeling clay. Green, red, white and brown are useful colours.
- A sharp pencil or toothpick.
- Ribbon, string or paperclip to hang decoration.

1. Roll out a thin piece of Plasticine.
Press it onto your background to make the tree trunk.

2. Pinch a small triangle of Plasticine and stick it onto the top of your tree. To make branches, roll some thick pieces and press them across the trunk, getting wider top to bottom.

3. Spread some snow under the tree.

4. Add texture to the branches with a sharp pencil or toothpick.

5. Roll out two thin pieces of different colours. Twist the strings together. Roll again to make one smooth string. Cut the string into candy cane size pieces and bend the ends. Add to your tree.

6. Decorate your tree with more Plasticine shapes. You may even add sparkles, sequins and bits of foil.

7. Poke a hole in the top of the plate and tie on a ribbon to hang your decoration. Beautiful!

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