

Family Tree

Make a child's family tree from a small tree branch and construction paper.

You can acquaint your child with their ancestry by making this simple and pretty family tree.

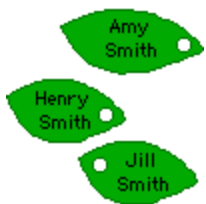
Supplies needed:

- Sky blue and green construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Some yarn
- A hole punch
- Paper cup or small clay flower pot
- A lump of play dough or other clay
- Glue stick



Find a twig with many branches.

Put a lump of clay in the bottom of a paper cup or small clay flower pot. Insert the twig securely so that it remains upright.



Cut out big leaves from the green construction paper. Each leaf will represent a person in the child's family and should be big enough to write that person's name on the leaf. Cut enough leaves for each of the child's siblings, parents, and grandparents (or more!).



Write the name of each person on their leaf. You might want to include the relative's relationship to the child, like "Grandma Joan Smith." Punch a hole on the end of each leaf.

Tie the leaves to the tree. The child's generation goes at the top of the tree, the parents at the second level, and the grandparents at the bottom.

For an alternative project, use photos, and paste them on the leaves. Or use cut-outs of leaves, fruit (like apples), and/or flowers to represent the people.