

# PINE CONE SNOWY OWL



A cute little owl for your Christmas tree

## You will need:

- Pine cone, cleaned and dried (see page 2 to find how to do this)
- Cotton wool
- White felt or card
- Yellow felt or card
- Wiggle eyes
- Twine to hang the finished owl

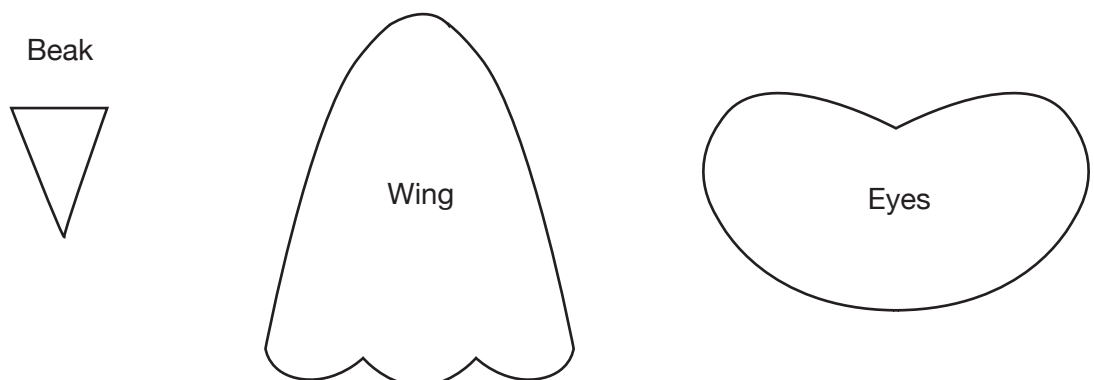
## Other things you'll need:

- Glue and scissors
- Something to poke the cotton wool into the pine cone, such as a pencil

## How to make it:

- 1 Start by taking pieces of cotton wool and poking them into the pine cone between the scales. Work your way all around the pine cone, leaving the tips of the scales showing through.
- 2 Using the template below as a guide, cut out shapes from white felt or card. Cut a small triangle from yellow felt or card for the beak.
- 3 Glue the shapes in place on the pine cone.
- 4 Glue on a pair of wiggle eyes. Set aside to dry.
- 5 When the glue is dry, tie a length of twine onto one of the pine cone scales and hang your finished owl on the Christmas tree.

## Shape templates



HOW TO...

# CLEAN AND DRY PINE CONES

## You will need:

- A collection of pine cones
- Bowl filled with 2 parts warm water to 1 part white vinegar
- Baking tray covered with tin foil

## Method:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- 2 Meanwhile, clean the pine cones by soaking them in a bowl of warm water mixed with white vinegar. Make sure the pine cones are fully submerged in the water (you can use a dinner plate to add weight if needed). Soak the pine cones for 30 minutes, stirring halfway through.
- 3 Remove the pine cones from the water. Use an old towel to mop up the excess moisture from the pine cones.
- 4 Spread the pine cones out onto the baking tray and bake in the oven for approximately 90 minutes. Check them at regular intervals to make sure they don't burn. You'll know they are ready when the pine cones have opened up again.
- 5 Leave the pine cones to cool before using in your next craft project.

