

HOW TO MAKE TREES WITH #83409 WIRE TWISTING PLIER



You will need:

Wire twisting pliers	Bristles
Wire cutters	Spray adhesive
Scissors	Ground foam turf
Light gauge wire (18 to 22 gauge)	Fixative/hairspray
Thick craft glue/tacky glue/PVA glue	Bench vise

On a sheet of scrap, craft or wax paper, lay one wire down and run a generous line of glue up the length, leaving about an inch on each end uncovered.



Take a small bunch of the bristle material and distribute evenly across the wire, centered on the glue. Press down on either side of the glue and wire so some glue seeps up through the bristles. Let stand until the glue begins to set, but not so long that the wire and bristles are glued to the paper.

Run another bead of glue up the center of the bristles and lay the second wire into the glue, sandwiching the bristles between the two wires.

Squeeze the handles of the wire twisting plier to release the locking mechanism, then grasp the two wires in the jaws of the plier. Squeeze the plier shut and slide the locking mechanism down to secure the wire ends (silver piece on the center post between the handles).

Place the other ends of the wires into the vise and secure.

Pull the silver knob on the end of the pliers, releasing the handles so it can spin, causing the plier to twist the wires together (see top photo). After the first twist, adjust any bristles that may have shifted back to the center of the twist.

Hold the plier handles to let the twisting knob reset, then pull the knob again to twist the wire further. The bristles will splay out as the wire twists tighter. Twist several times until the bristles are evenly distributed. Careful: twisting too much will cause the wires to break!



To make one tall tree, clip off bare end of wire with wire cutters. To make two shorter trees, cut in the middle.

Spray adhesive onto the bristles. Don't clump the bristles together.

Over a tub/pan/bowl or large sheet of paper, shake turf generously onto the bristles, turning the tree for even coverage. Tap wire trunk to shake off excess. Repeat as necessary for desired effect.



Spray tree with fixative/hairspray/clear matte laquer to keep foliage in place.

Tip: Using two different shades of turf will add depth and realism to your tree...

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