



## **Christmas Tree & Ornament by Pete Pasero**

**Patterns for both large and small trees and a ornament are included.**

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You will need:

the pattern

an 8" x 12" piece of clay  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick

10 pieces of 'high fire wire'  $\frac{3}{8}$ " long

- To begin cut out three Christmas trees from clay that is dry enough to hold its shape, but not so dry it will crack when bent.
- Next scratch and wet the sides of the trees you wish to join.
- Put two trees wet side together being sure to align the branches. Press the branches together on one half of the tree. Now open up the branches of the other side of the trees.
- Take the remaining tree and bend it slightly along the center line with the wet side up.
- Finally, slide the last tree against the other two, again aligning the branches. All the branches and trunk can now be pressed together to join all three pieces.
- Looking down on the top of the tree the three sides can now be angled equally (120 degrees for each other).
- After the tree has been smoothed as desired the pieces of wire can be inserted about half-way at the tip of each branch and the top of the tree if a top decoration is planned.
- While the tree is drying and shrinking on the high fire wires you can make the decorations. After the decorations are done and if the wires are firmly held by the tree, you can attach your decorations.
- After the tree has dried you can glaze it as desired.



# Large Tree



You will need:

the pattern

a piece of clay 5" x 5" 1/8 to 3/16" thick

a 2" long piece of 18 ga. 'high fire wire'

- Cut out the pattern on clay that is dry enough to hold it's shape, but no so dry it will crack when folded.
- Cut a bevel about half the thickness of the clay on all the outside edges.
- Lightly mark the five bend lines with a straight edge. Cut a slight groove (1/16" deep) along all the bend lines.
- Wet all the edges and bend lines with Magic water then roughen them with a scratching tool.
- Fold the three long sides together first, then fold the three small sides together.
- Press all the edges together to join them then smooth as desired.
- Stick about 1/2" of the 'high fire wire' into the narrow end of the ornament.
- Poke a pin hole in the other end for gas to escape during firing.
- Dry the ornament and glaze as desired!



# Smaller Tree and Ornament

