

Decorate yourself with dino food!

Follow along to create a monkey puzzle tree necklace!

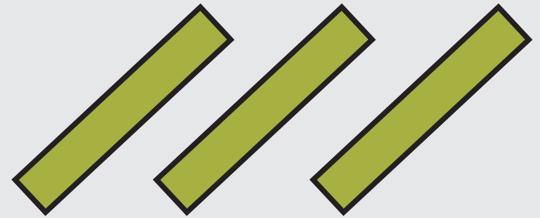


Materials Needed:

- Scissors
- 4 Plastic Straws
- String
- Green construction paper

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Cut 3 inch strips from your green construction paper.



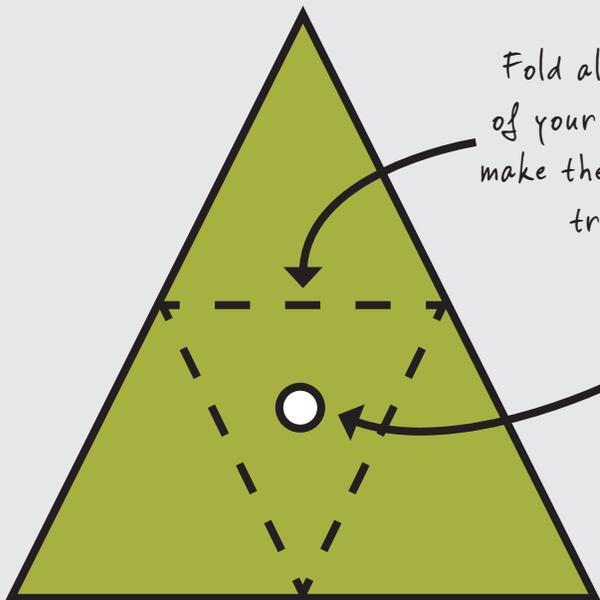
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Cut 15 triangles from your strips,



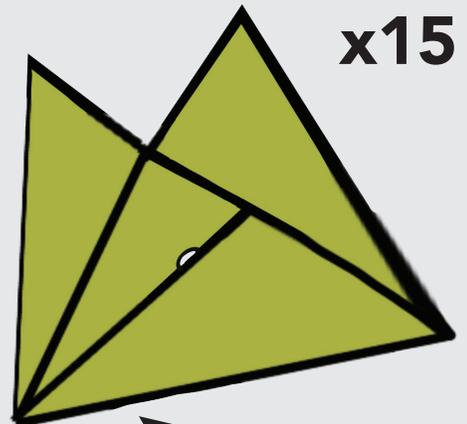
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Punch or poke holes in the center of your triangles. Using the example below, fold the three corners of your triangles up to create your leaves.



Fold all the corners of your triangle up to make the monkey puzzle tree shape.

Use a hole punch or poke a hole in the center of your leaf.



Fold 15 triangles

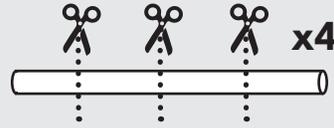
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Cut your string to make a piece long enough to wear like a necklace.



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Cut your straws in half and in half again making 16 pieces.



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Tape one end of your string to a surface and carefully string your necklace by alternating leaf then straw until you completely fill your necklace.

Straw

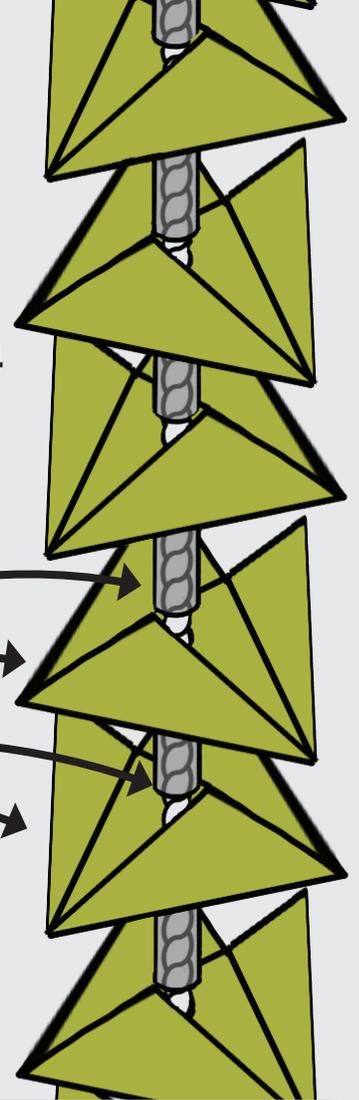
Leaf

Straw

Leaf

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Tie your necklace to secure your pieces and wear it around your neck!



WHAT IS A MONKEY PUZZLE TREE?

The monkey puzzle tree evolved over 200 million years ago. These living fossils were a common food for large sauropods. Their unique name came when someone once commented, "A monkey would be puzzled on how to climb that." The branches of these trees are tough, spiny and cover each other like scales. These thick leaves help protect the tree from being eaten by animals with softer palettes.

