

# Recycled Yearbook Christmas Trees

I don't know about you, but I end up with lots of extra yearbooks every year. I am paranoid, so I keep tons. Between student donations (parents drop off ones they no longer want to store) and the saved extras, over the years I end up with dozens that I don't know what to do with. The idea of throwing them out makes me cringe, so when a co-worker taught me how to make these cute Christmas Trees, I was stoked! I hope your team enjoys this fun holiday recycling project!

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Tear off the outer covers and endpages (gasp!) and start with the interior of your book. Fold the first page down to the center of the spine. (Hint: Just pretend you're making a paper airplane.)

2



Fold the page one more time. (Remember, think paper airplane!) You will have a point sticking out the bottom of the page. Cut this part off. Don't try to wait until the end to cut off this part - it will make your life much harder! Do it as you go along.

Try to be precise at the top...



Trim so it's flat along the bottom.



Finished Product



3



Repeat steps 1 - 2 about 100 times. On some of the books I tried, about 60 pages did the trick. On some, it was closer to 100. If you want it to be a really tightly packed tree you could do more. Just keep folding and cutting until it's too hard to continue. You can check the top of your "tree" to see if a circle has formed - that seemed to be a good indicator that the tree was done.

4



Rip out the remaining pages. If you have a smaller book than us, you may end up folding all of your pages. Just feel it out!



5



Now for the finishing touches! I found these cheap snowflakes at Hobby Lobby and they fit perfectly in the hole formed from folding at the top of the tree. Just pop a topper on your tree and you're good to go! For extra flair, paint the edges of the tree with glue and sprinkle with glitter. Or, hot glue mini ornaments or tinsel onto your tree. Use to decorate your classroom or as a gift for the administrators at your school.



**Happy holidays!**