

How to make a pine cone owl

You will need: a pine cone, scraps of felt or other fabric, 2 wiggle eyes (optional) or paper and a felt tip pen, scissors, craft glue (PVA or similar), 1-2 pipe cleaners.

Instructions:

1. Place your pine cone on the table and see where it naturally rests – this will decide where you put the features of the owl.
2. Take a pipe cleaner in the colour of your choice. Cut six lengths of approximately 2.5cm. These will be the feet or talons of the owl.
3. Group the lengths into two groups of three. Now with another piece of pipe cleaner, twist around one end of the group of three. When secure cut off the excess pipe cleaner.
4. Repeat with the other group of three. Now spread out the pipe cleaners until each group of three resembles feet or talons. Please see photo below.
5. Secure the feet/talons to the base of the owl with glue. Place to one side to dry.
6. Now make the face of the owl out of felt or fabric scraps. You could draw and cut out a squashed heart shape or similar.
7. Stick the face onto the top front of the pine cone with glue – be quite generous with the glue. Stick on the wiggle eyes (optional) or drawn paper eyes.
8. Cut out a beak from a felt or fabric scrap and stick on using glue.
9. Cut out wings from the felt or fabric scraps – they are a basic leaf shape. Stick onto the body of the owl. You can now decorate if you wish.
10. Well done – your owl is finished! You can make a nest for it using shredded paper. **Twit-a-woo!**

