







Make Your Own **CHRISTMAS TREE CARD** With Scrap Paper



Follow our simple instructions and have a go at making your version of this Wartime Christmas card with scrap paper from your home.

You will need —

-  **1 piece of A4 card** any colour – although red or green is nice for Christmas
-  **2 or 3 old Christmas cards** or coloured paper/ card or Christmas wrapping paper
-  **Scissors**
-  **Glue Stick**



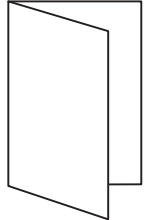




Paper Salvage was encouraged by the government at the outbreak of the Second World War to aid the war effort. Paper was used inside ammunition and electrical parts. It was also used to package weapons and explosives.

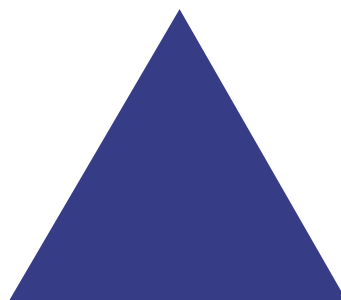
Before the war, the UK imported about 300 shiploads of paper every year. During the war shipping was under constant threat, so the UK faced a serious paper shortage.

Various poster campaigns encouraged the public to do their bit by saving their scraps and leaving them out for collection. Not only paper was collected, so were rags, bones, metal pots and pans and scrap food.

Christmas wrapping paper and decorations were difficult to find in the shops, so often had to be homemade using scraps of paper.

How to make your Christmas card

-  **Fold the A4 card in half like this**  
-  **Using the the triangle template below cut out the 15 triangles from the front of the old Christmas cards or from coloured paper or card**
-  **Cut out the Tree Trunk below and stick it on the bottom centre of the front cover**
-  **Start on the left in line with the top of the tree trunk and position five triangles for your bottom row, working your way across to the right. Do each row finishing with the last triangle on the top**
-  **Finally cut out and add the star (below) to finish your very own Christmas Tree Card**



TRIANGLE TEMPLATE



TREE TRUNK



STAR