

Paper apple decorations with Gill Curry



Materials

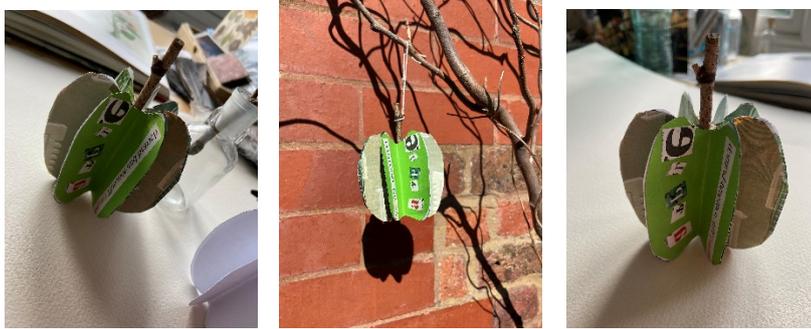
- Sheets of A4 white computer printing paper/ thin card
- Scissors
- Pritt stick/ glue
- Coloured magazines, coloured paper/ tinfoil / gold paper
- Pencil
- Small twigs, acer for example, larger branch
- Jam jar
- Thin cotton, string (luggage label string is good)

Process

- With the paper laid out horizontally fold a sheet of paper/thin card in half, then in a quarter, then in an eighth.
- Draw half an apple shape against the folded side approximately 70/80 cms, 2 apple shapes will fit on one horizontal sheet, making sure they are approximately the same size.
- There will be 8 apple shapes, cover these shapes with coloured paper of your choice, different greens, reds, gold or silver on both sides and stick with pritt stick.
- You will have 8 coloured apple shapes.
- Stick length wise half apple shapes together, as little as 6 or as many as 14 as seen in the photo above so you complete a 3D apple shape standing freely.

- There will be a slight gap in the centre, pritt stick the twig and place it down the middle of the apple, hold it firmly to stick.
- Attach thin string to the twig if you wish and hang it from a branch placed in a clear jam jar.
- To make them stronger you may coat them with a thin layer of PVA & leave them overnight to dry.

These decorations can be placed in a basket, hung from a Christmas tree or from a branch for Halloween. Enjoy the process and have fun making them, simple, effective and cheap to make.



Apples

Behold the apples' rounded worlds:
 juice-green of July rain,
 the black polestar of flowers, the rind
 mapped with its crimson stain.

The russet, crab and cottage red
 burn to the sun's hot brass,
 then drop like sweat from every branch
 and bubble in the grass.

They lie as wanton as they fall,
 and where they fall and break,
 the stallion clamps his crunching jaws,
 the starling stabs his beak.

In each plump gourd the cidery bite
 of boys' teeth tears the skin;
 the waltzing wasp consumes his share,

the bent worm enters in.

I, with as easy hunger, take
entire my season's dole;
welcome the ripe, the sweet, the sour,
the hollow and the whole.

By Laurie Lee

