

# Festive Star Hanging

Create an eye-catching star decoration from only six sticks and some string!

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This is a lovely activity to use as a follow on from a winter woodland walk. Use the walk to find interesting things, create a journey stick <https://www.ltl.org.uk/resource/story-stick/> as you walk, tying the interesting objects onto a stick – a chance to practise lashing ahead of making your star. Collect up at least six thin sticks, thin but strong. A few extras will come in handy in case any get broken!

**Curriculum areas:**

**Expressive Arts -creativity**

**Science -seasonal changes/biodiversity**

**Health & Wellbeing – enjoying a local walk in the fresh air**

**Religious Studies - festivals and celebrations**

## Equipment

Sticks (roughly the same length) or lolly sticks  
Wool, thread, ribbon, or string  
Glue (glue gun with supervision) *Optional*  
Scissors

## Activity

This activity works best in pairs, one to make a triangle each.

- Cross two sticks to make two sides of a triangle, one person holding the sticks.
- Using string –the other person should cross lash the sticks together by wrapping the string first in one direction and then the other to make a cross shape and tie the ends off.
- Add the third stick to make a triangle, lashing both ends.

To make it into a star, place one triangle on top of the other and glue or lash them in place (a hot glue gun is handy for this stage).

Now decorate - use string or wool in different colours to wrap patterns around the sticks. Cut out shapes from fabric and glue them to the sticks. Perhaps find sparkly string to bring a bit of festive glitter!

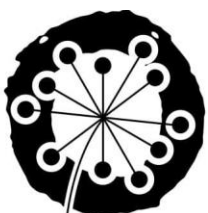
Finally use ribbon or string to attach a loop to hang your star – you could plait ribbon and wool or string together to make something a little bit different.

For lashing instructions visit

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/what-knot/>

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