

# Tree Sculptures

Inspired by *Tap The Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson

**Goal:** Create a 3-dimensional tree with different materials.

**You might use:**

- Brown Paper Bags, Recycled Materials, Construction Paper, Magazine Pictures, Cardboard, Glue, Tape, Markers, Paints, Tissue Paper, Felt

**What to do:**

- Think about the type of tree you want to make.
- Find out what the tree looks like at different times of the year. Does the tree look different from season to season. Deciduous trees may have yellow, orange and red leaves in the fall; bright green leaves in spring; and no leaves in the winter.
- If you are making a deciduous tree, pick a season, and have your sculpture show what the tree looks like in the season that you think is most interesting.
- Make a sturdy trunk for your tree that will stand on its own. For example, you might crumple up a brown paper bag for a trunk.
- Once you have designed the trunk, make branches for your tree.
- Depending on the season you chose, add new leaves, buds, flowers, fruit, aging leaves, or falling leaves.

**To Think About:**

- Trees and animals depend on each other. Consider what insects and animals might visit your tree. Is the tree blooming? If so, are bees pollinating the flowers? Is the tree fruiting? If so, what animals might eat the fruit?

