



Handmade Fir Trees

You will be building Fir trees with fine detailing. The trees can be used for model railroading, war games, and many more things.

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Tools



White Glue
Universal Glue
Vice
wire Cutters
Small Paint Brush

Materials

Hobby Wire 0.6 to 0.8 mm
Thick Wool
Fine Sawdust
Acrylic Brown Paint
SILFLOR Foliage
Hair Spray





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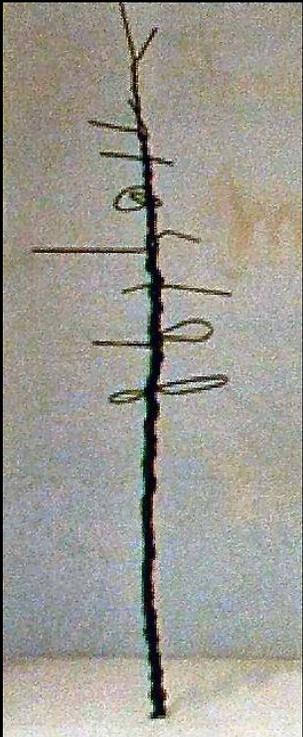
Take 6 to 14 pieces of wire together depending on the scale you are working on.

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HO Scale (10 wires)

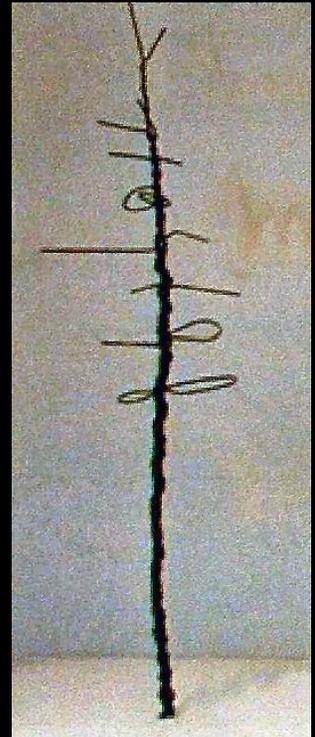
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Clamp one end of the wires in a vice and began to twist them together as shown in the picture above.

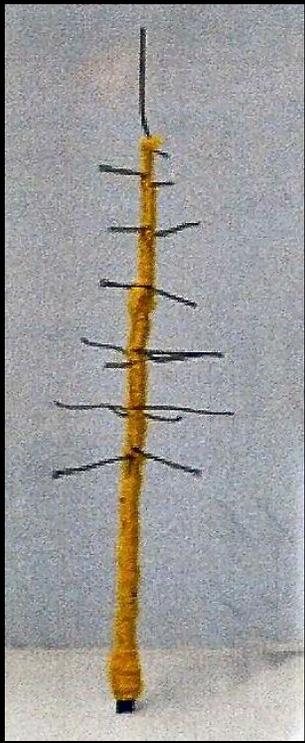


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When the first branches are desired, take one wire, bend it to a loop. Then twist the wires a few more times. Continue this process till the tip of the tree is reached.

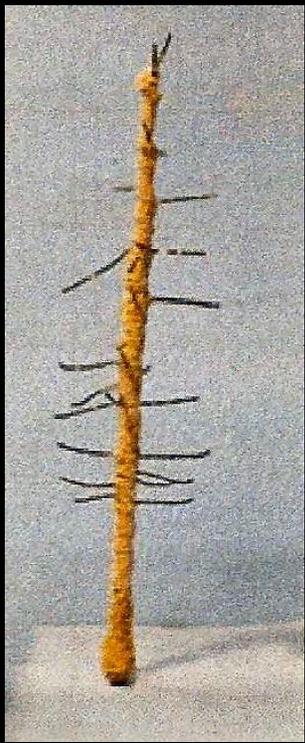
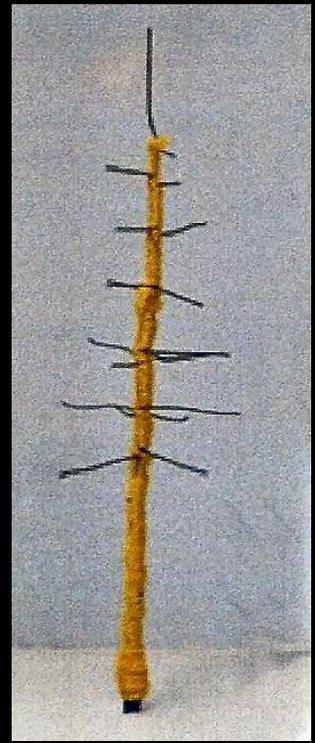


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3.

Cut the wire loops with a wire cutter and straighten the branches. Then take the wool and wind the wool around the trunk.

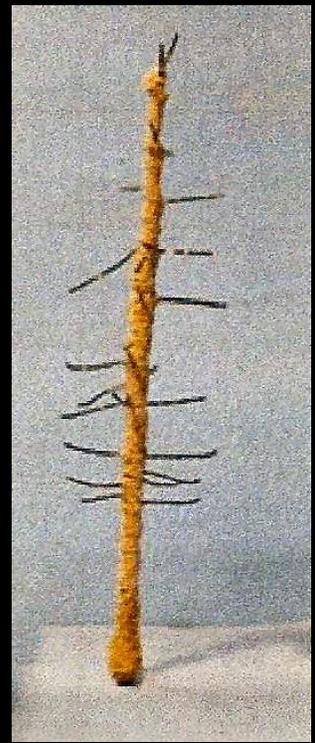


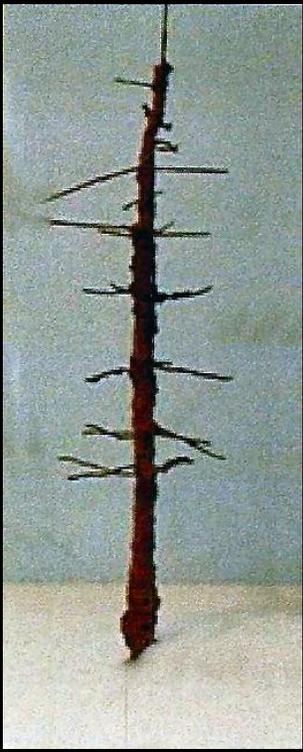
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Then dip the whole trunk of the tree into a diluted white glue solution.

(1part white glue - 1 part water)

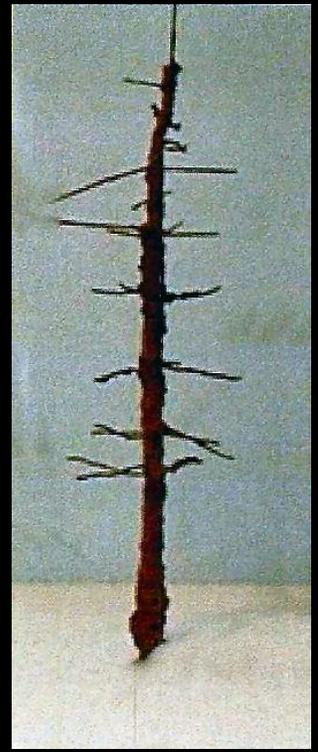
Then sprinkle on sawdust. The sawdust gives the texture of the bark of a the tree





5.

After the glue has dried. Paint the trunk and branches with brown acrylic paint



6.

1: Cut a small square approximately 3/4" to 1". Snip diagonally half way through at several angles. At one end, pull apart to give a feathery fan shaped appearance with a "shaggy-end" texture

2: Apply universal glue to your branches of your tree. (Spray adhesive works as well with fine branch)

3: Gently apply Leaf Foliage to branch with the feathery fan facing outward. Tease ends to give additional shape and let dry.





7.

Once the three is dry. Spray a coat of hair spray on the tree for protection.

Now your fir tree is
Complete



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