

# A CLASSROOM TREE

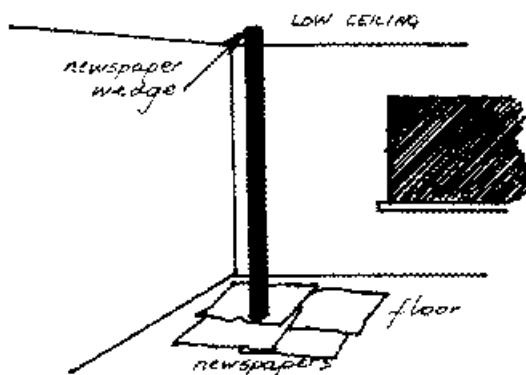
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For the basic structure you will need:

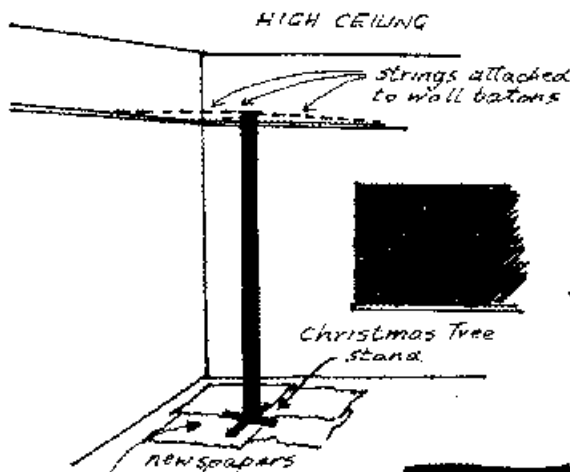
1. A long cardboard tube from the centre of a roll of carpet.
2. A large quantity of broadsheet newspapers.
3. A ball of string
4. Wallpaper paste / Glue / Sticky tape

## Step 1: The Support Structure.

- Note 1. The best position for your tree is the top corner of your classroom.
2. Cover about 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> of the floor with a few layers of newspapers.

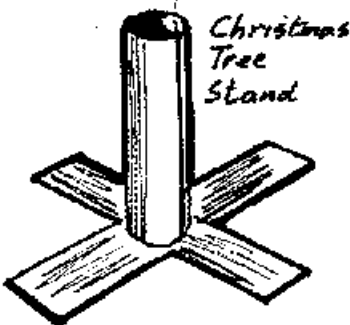


3. If the room has a low ceiling, cut the roll slightly short of the height of the ceiling. Position the roll in the centre of the newspapers and wedge newspaper between it and the ceiling so that it stands upright.



4. If the room has a HIGH ceiling, use a Christmas tree stand at the base, and secure in an upright position with 3 strings attached with drawing pins to existing wall batons.

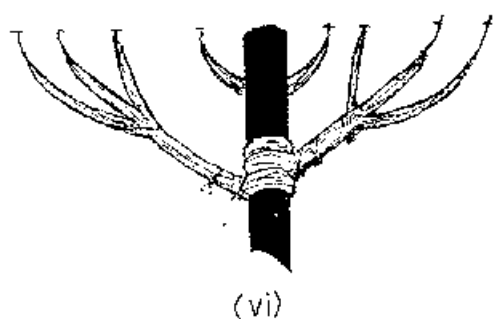
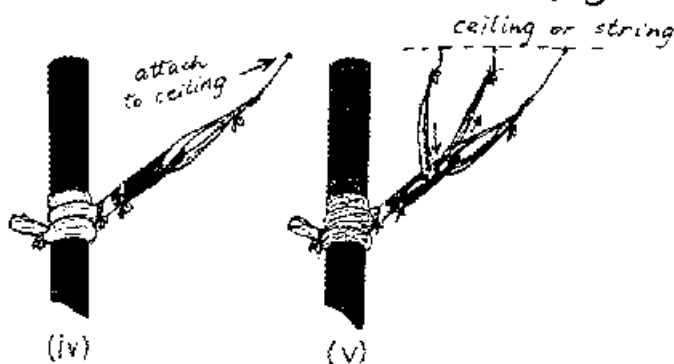
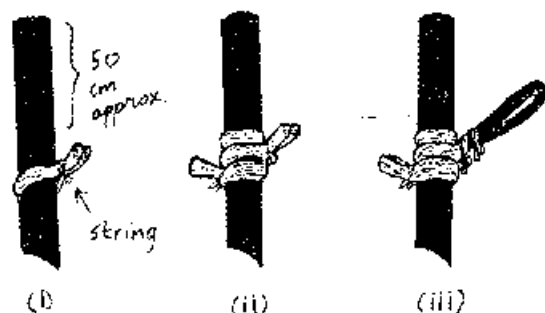
5. Once the support structure is firmly positioned, begin the ROOTS & BRANCHES.



## Step 2: Roots.

- Roll up 3 or 4 full newspapers and fold each roll in half.
  - Tie the rolls at the half-mark close to the base of the cardboard tube.
  - Press downwards and flatten.
  - Secure down with sticky tape.
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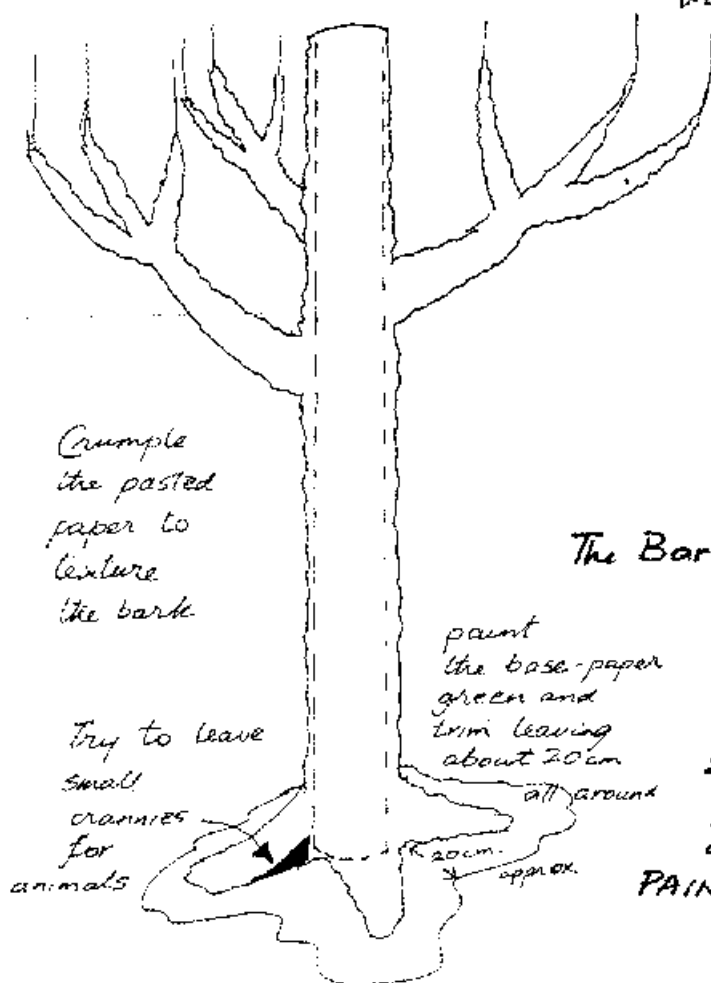
### Step 3: Branches



1. Open out a full newspaper and roll lengthwise. Wrap around the upright tube about 50 cm from the top (i) to make a branch stump.
2. Make 2 more stumps in the same way and turn them in different directions (ii)
3. Roll another full newspaper, fold in half to make a loop and tie securely to the stump. (iii)
4. Use only 2 thirds of the pages of another newspaper, again roll lengthwise. Pass through the loop and tie the ends. Attach this to the ceiling (iv) or to one of the strings see **STEP 1** on page 1.

5. Using the remaining sheets of newspaper roll lengthwise and pass this roll also through the loop, only spread the ends outwards to form secondary branches. Attach each end to the ceiling or otherwise. (v)
6. Repeat above steps 3, 4, 5 with the 2 other primary branch stumps last mentioned in 2 above.

### Step 4: The Bark



### The Bark:

1. Wrap several layers of dry newspaper around all the exposed parts of the cardboard tube. Tie with string.
2. Paste full sheets (as if wall-papering) and cover ROOTS TRUNK and BRANCHES twice or three times. PAINT when DRY... i.e. about 24 hrs.