

## Cotton bud painting

*Cotton bud painting can be as simply or complicated as you want, for children and adults too! Cheap canvases are great but paper or card can be used to create art pieces that will be treasured for years to come.*



*[TheArtSherpa](#) on youtube has some amazing cotton bud painting tutorials for older children and adults too 🎨*

### Things you will need:

- Paint (acrylic works better on canvases)
- Thick paper or card (cheap canvas if you have one)
- Paintbrushes
- Paint palette or plastic lids from containers in the recycling bin (make sure they're clean first)
- Cotton buds

1. Start by putting newspaper down on your table to protect surfaces.
2. For your tree, draw the trunk and branches first then paint. Leave to dry.
3. You can use a bunch of 3 or so cotton buds fastened together with an elastic band or use cotton buds on their own to create leaves.
4. Do one colour at a time with darker colours first and left to dry for a few minutes.
5. Use lighter colours over the top to add shades.
6. When dry put the painting in a frame and gift to someone.

