

MAKE AN EAST ASIAN CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE

Cherry Blossom trees, known for their beautiful pink or white flowers that only last a short time, are popular in East Asia. In Japan, people even have flower viewing parties under the trees when they are blooming to celebrate life. Here's how you can make your own tree.

SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED:

- Colored tissue paper (pinks, white, green)
- Toilet paper tube
- Piece of cardboard
- Glue, scissors, pen or marker

STEPS TO TAKE:

1. Cut small slits into the bottom of the toilet paper tube and fold the pieces out to make a base. Glue the base to the rectangular cardboard piece.
2. Cut tissue paper into small 2"x2" squares.
3. Take a green square and place the marker or pen in the center. Wrap the square up around the shaft of the pen and crumple it some.
4. Take your crumpled piece of tissue paper and place glue on the outside flat part to stick to your base. This will be the grass. Fill in as much of the rectangular cardboard base as you'd like. You can add a path with brown tissue paper or blue for a creek to get more creative.
5. Take a non-cut piece of tissue paper and crumple into a small ball to insert into the top of the toilet paper tube. This gives you more surface to glue pieces of the pinks and whites to make the cherry blossoms of the tree branches.
6. Crumple the pink and white squares and glue those pieces to the top of your tree, varying the locations of the colors to give variety.

When you see beautiful flowers, like the ones you made, remember to pray that a love for God and the Bible would grow in the hearts of people in Asia.

