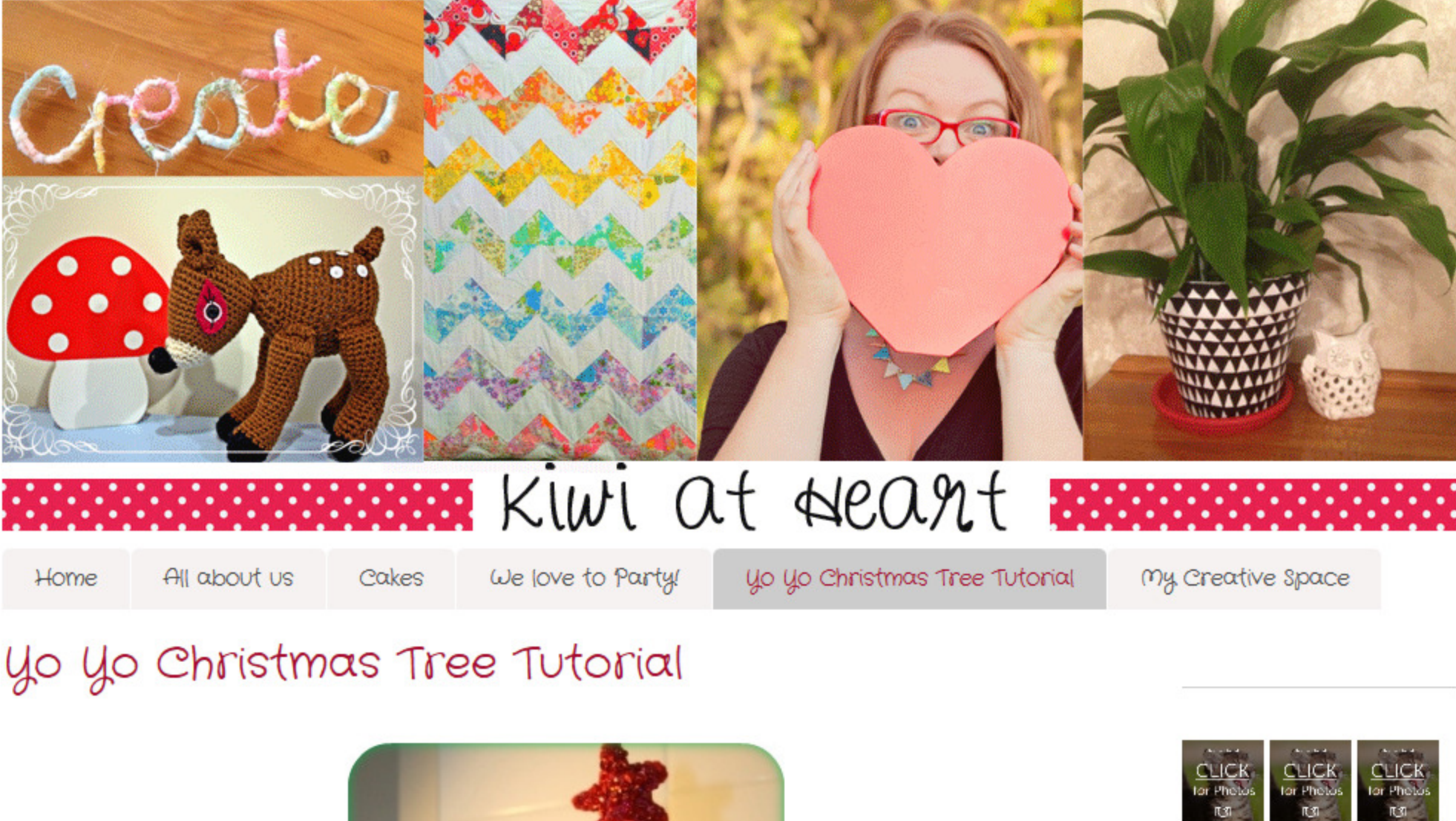


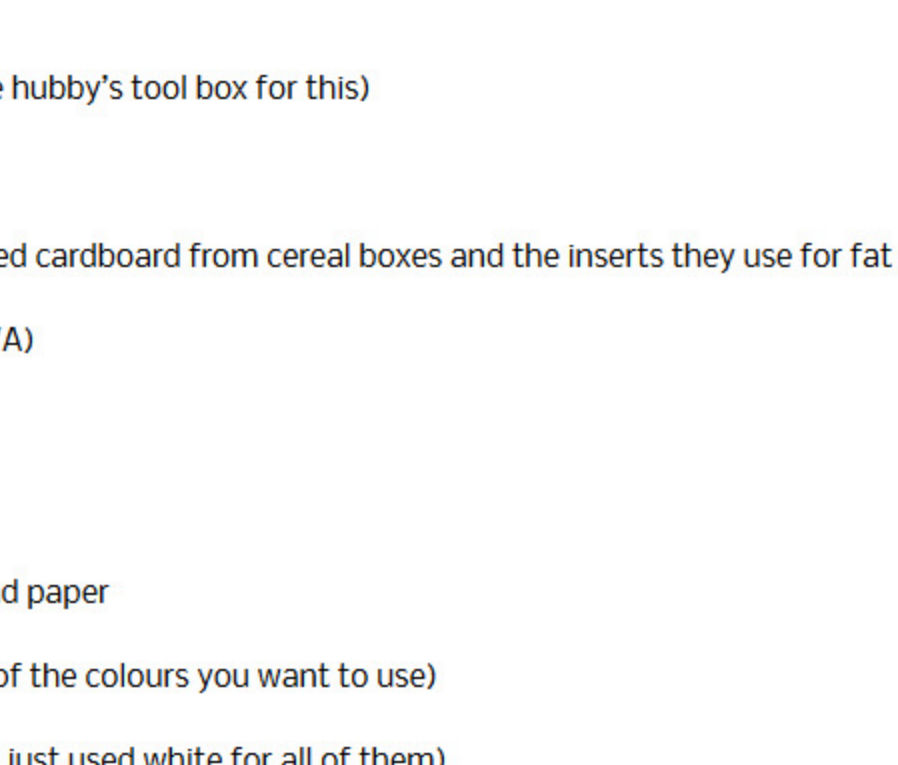


Yo Yo Christmas Tree Tutorial



This is my first ever tutorial and I hope it makes sense. The Yo Yo christmas tree isn't my original idea..I just did my own tutorial because I couldn't find one that suited how I wanted to do it.

This project is great because you don't need a sewing machine and you can take and make your yo-yo's anywhere. I made my yo yo's for the tutorial at the beach!



What you will need:

- *Compass (raided the hubby's tool box for this)
- *Ruler
- *Cardboard - I recycled cardboard from cereal boxes and the inserts they use for fat quarters at Spotlight
- *Craft glue (I used PVA)
- *Saw
- *Fabric marker pen
- *Scissors - sewing and paper
- *Fabrics (a selection of the colours you want to use)
- *Needle and thread (I just used white for all of them)
- *Dowel (for big tree I used 6mm)
- *Wooden cotton reel (perfect are old vintage style ones - I have a few but would love a whole box of them!!)
- *Optional : tulle of various colours

And here's what you do:

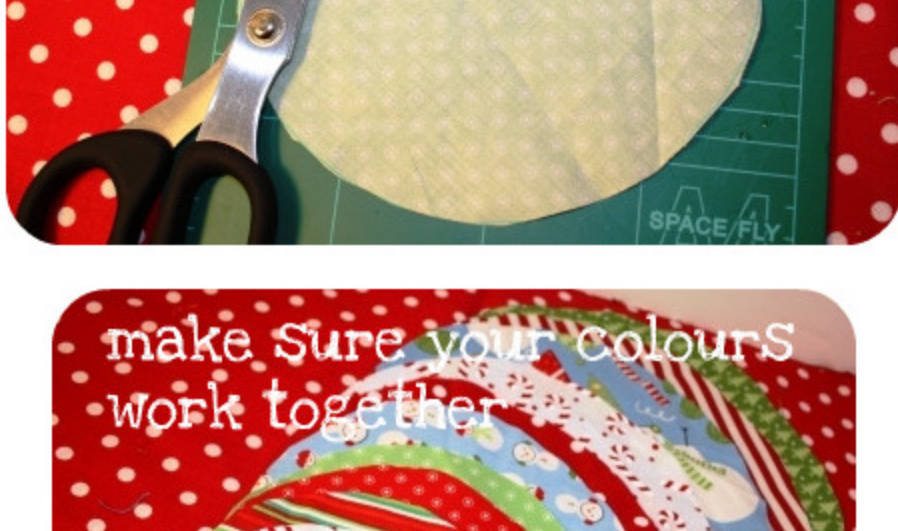
Using your compass, ruler and cardboard, make 18 circle templates of the following sizes for the large tree (diameter) 220mm, 210mm, 200mm, 190mm, 180mm, 170mm, 160mm, 150mm, 140mm, 130... etc to 50mm.



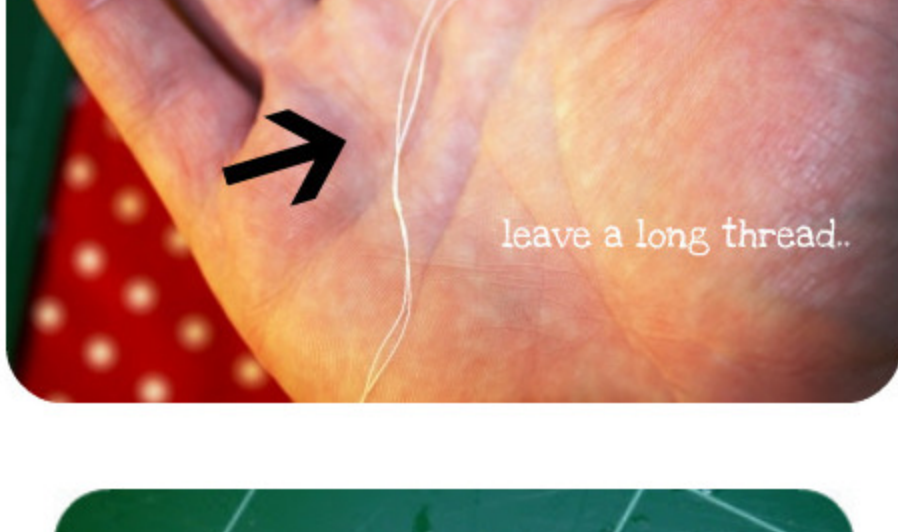
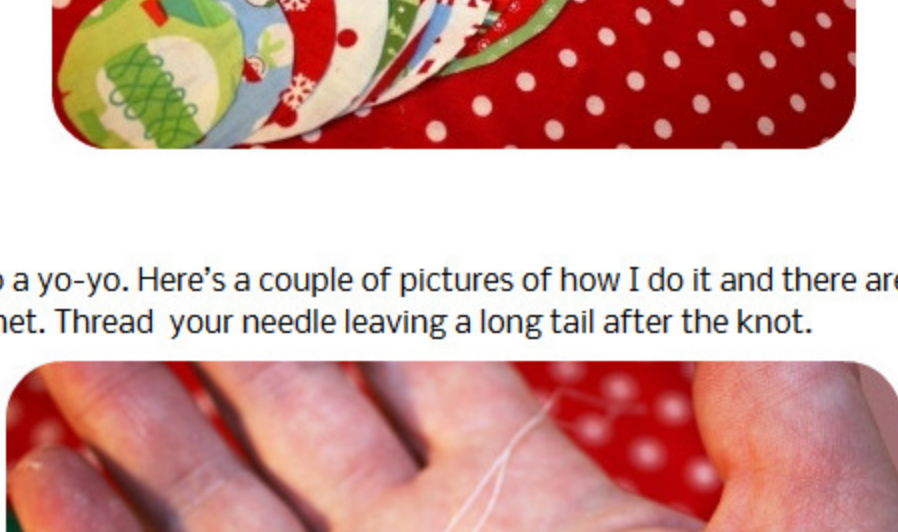
Cut out templates



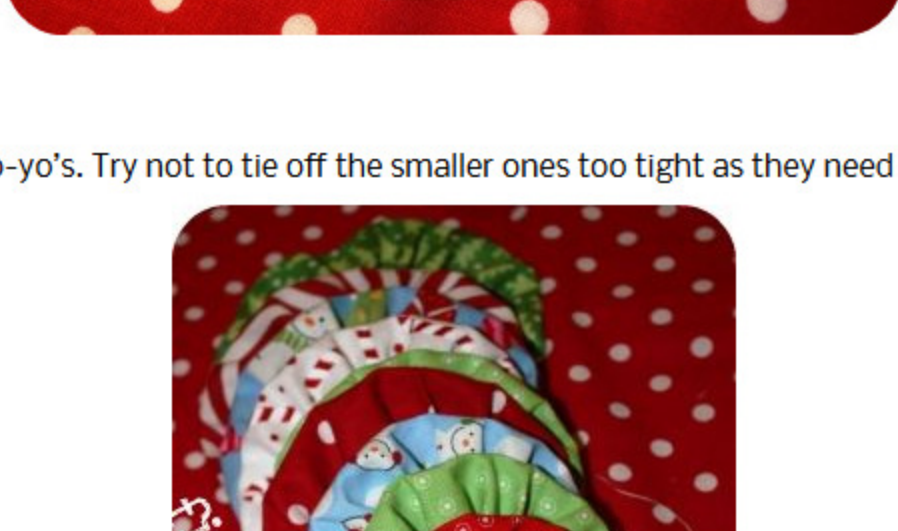
Draw one of each size onto your chosen fabrics.



Make each circle into a yo-yo. Here's a couple of pictures of how I do it and there are plenty of great tutorials on the internet. Thread your needle leaving a long tail after the knot.



Make all 18 of your yo-yo's. Try not to tie off the smaller ones too tight as they need to fit over the dowel.



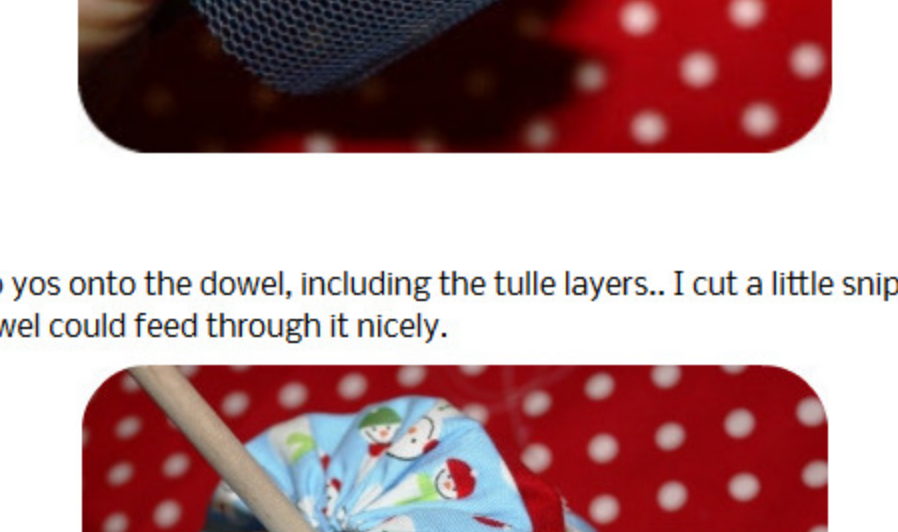
Take your cotton reel and piece of dowel and glue the dowel inside the cotton reel (I used pva glue). Allow to dry. Alternatively, you could do this before you start so it is dry to pop your yo yos on.



If you are going to use tulle.. cut several strips as wide as the yo-yos you are putting it below. Sew a running stitch by hand across the top of the tulle and pull it into a circle. Sew in a circle shape.



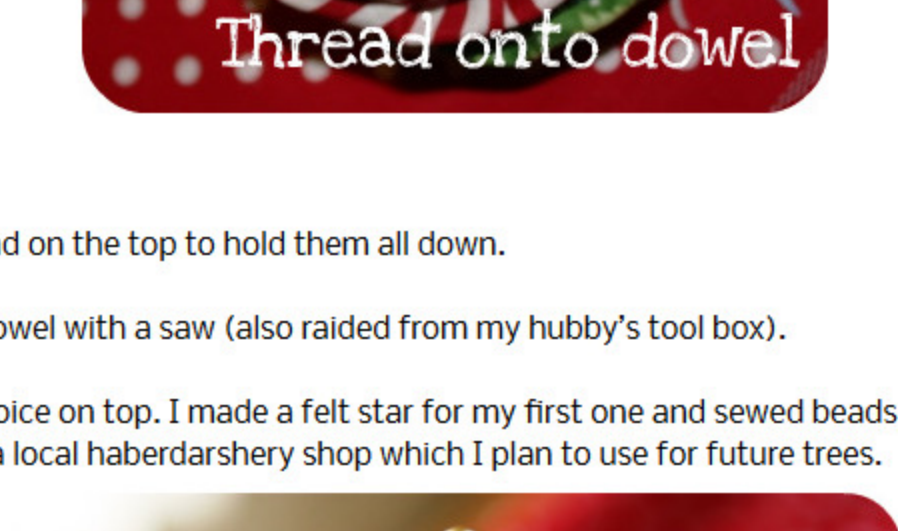
Start layering your yo yos onto the dowel, including the tulle layers.. I cut a little snip in the underside of my yo-yo's so the dowel could feed through it nicely.



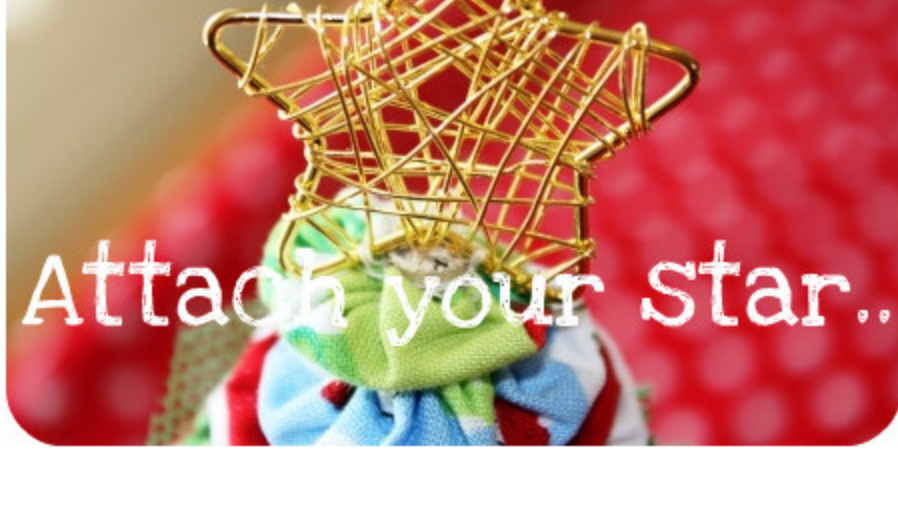
You could place a bead on the top to hold them all down.

I then trimmed my dowel with a saw (also raided from my hubby's tool box).

Pop a star of your choice on top. I made a felt star for my first one and sewed beads on it. Then I found these lovely stars at a local haberdashery shop which I plan to use for future trees.



And then.....



To make an itty bitty tree...

I bought a packet of wooden spools from the kids craft section at Spotlight.



For the stick I used some large sized match sticks and broke off the pink bit at the top, then glued it in the little wooden spool, as with the larger one.



Make only 10 yo-yo's from size 50mm - 140mm.

Assemble as with the larger tree (I didn't use tulle for this one as it's already quite full looking!)

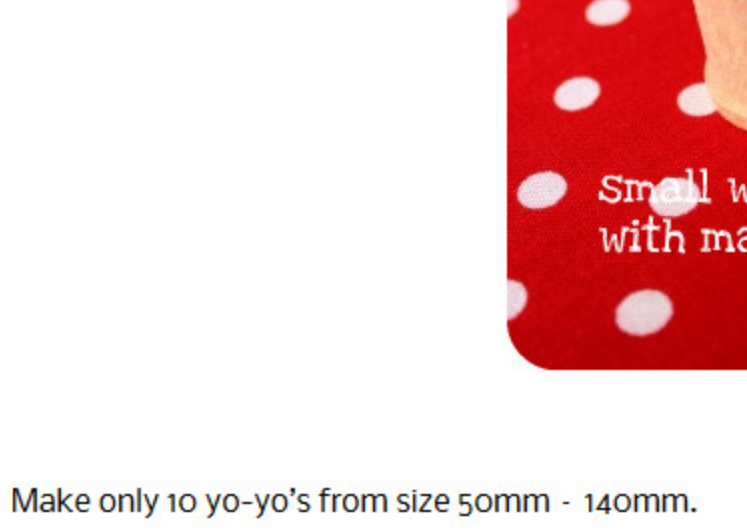


When you've made your tree or trees be sure to head to the Yo Yo Christmas Tree Flicker group and share it !!

Im linking up to here.



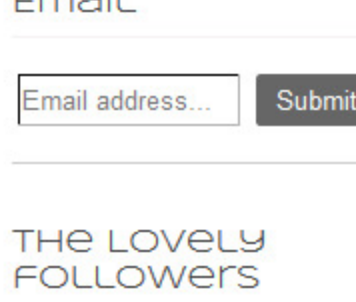
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