

**The Park Keepers have lost the Nativity figures. Can you help them find the missing figures? Write the figures names in the stars**



# Pine cone decoration ideas

Create a sustainable Christmas this year and decorate your home with nature. Winter is the perfect time to go foraging for materials as pine cones and acorns start to drop off their branches.

## Snow topped pine cones



A favourite, these look lovely grouped together in a bowl or vase, or just scattered on window sills and around a fireplace. Just take a big, open pine cone and apply white paint to the edges to look like snow. Once dried, you could add a little sparkle by dotting some of the scales with glue and adding silver glitter.

## Metallic pine cones

Pine cones look great just dipped or painted in full gold or silver paint. You can add glitter afterwards if you want to make them shimmer too.



**Tip: If you're dipping your pine cone in paint or glue, it's always a good idea to check for any small bugs that might be making their home inside.**



## Mini Christmas tree pine cones

Lots of fun and you get to use pomp poms! Make your own mini Christmas tree by choosing a large, open pine cone. Dip or cover in green paint. When dry, glue small pomp poms or beads onto the face-up ends of the pine cone scales. Add a dusting of glue and glitter after painting if you'd like to create a tinsel effect.

## Pine cone heart

Glue the sides together to create the outline of a large heart. This one's a little tricky but has really effective results if you're working with smaller pine cones that are a similar size. Stronger glue, or a great deal of patience will be needed! Once finished, it can be hung with ribbon as an alternative Christmas wreath or propped up against that big pile of presents.

