

Pine Cone Squirrel:

Needed Items:

- Pine Cone
- 1-inch Pom-pom (*If you use a larger pine cone, you will want to use a larger pom-pom*)
- Wiggle Eyes
- 5mm Pom-pom
- Brown Bumpy Chenille Stem or pipe cleaner
- Brown Regular Chenille Stem or pipe cleaner
- Wooden Bead
- Craft Glue or a Hot Glue Gun and Glue Sticks
- Old Scissors or Wire Cutters



Instructions:

- 1) See tips for using pine cones on the 2nd page. Start out by gluing the 1-inch pom-pom on the pointy end of the pine cone. The pom-pom will be the squirrel's head and the pine cone will be the body.
- 2) Glue the wiggle eyes and nose (the 5mm pom-pom) onto the head.
- 3) To make the ears, cut two pieces of chenille stem or pipe cleaner, about an inch long, and fold them in half to form a 'V' shape. Glue each inverted 'V' onto the top of the squirrel's head to look like ears. If you prefer, you can also use scrap pieces of felt or craft foam to make the ears.
- 4) For the tail, I cut off 2 bumps from the bumpy chenille stem or pipe cleaner. Fold them in half and twisted the ends together.
- 5) Glue the twisted end of the chenille stem bumps to the back of the pine cone to form the tail. Bend the top of the tail down a bit to give it a little shape.
- 6) For the squirrel's feet, cut two pieces of chenille stem about 2-inches long. Fold each piece in half and glue them to the bottom, front edge of the pine cone body.
- 7) For the squirrel's arms, cut two more pieces of chenille stem, again, about 2-inches long. Glue one to each side of the pine cone body.
- 8) For a finishing touch, make a small acorn by gluing a small piece of chenille stem to a wooden bead. You can roll the leftover tan chenille stem into a small, tight spiral. Glue the acorn into the squirrel's hands.



Pine Cone Elephant:

Needed Items:

- 2 Pine Cone s
- Modeling Clay
- Wiggle Eyes
- Gray Paint
- String

Instructions:

- 1) See tips for using pine cones on 2nd page Glue two pine cones, hot glued together.
- 2) Shape made the legs, tusks, ear, and trunk out of modeling clay form it to the cone. Let it dry.
- 3) Paint the entire thing gray
- 4) Ad wiggle eyes and used a piece of string for the tail.



Helpful Tips For Using Pine Cones From Your Yard For a Variety of Crafts:

Put them in the oven to sterilize them: When making things with pine cones, first bake the cones on a foil-lined cookie sheet for about 45 minutes to an hour at 200 degrees. This kills any bugs or spider mites that live in them. This also allows the seeds to fall out and sap to dry up.

How to get a closed Pine Cones: If you want your pine cones to close up tight, try plunging them in ice cold water after baking. This should make them close up tight, they will later when dry re-open.