

MAKING A BUTTON TREE

When someone special to us is ill or has died it can help to think about who we have around us and that the person who is ill or has died still has a place in our family.

The button tree is a nice thing to make to remind us of the branches of our family and to think about who is closest to us.

You will need:

A small canvas - either a box canvas or a flat canvas board. A wooden board painted white will also do

PVA glue, or if you have an adult helping you you could use a glue gun

A selection of buttons - the more colours, shapes and sizes the better

A4 paper

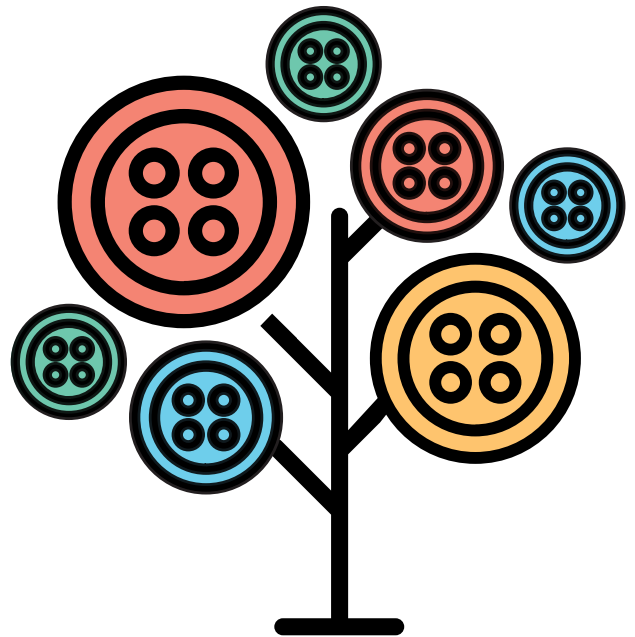
Felt tips

Permanent markers

A pencil

What to do:

- 1 Start by making a list of all the people you want on your button tree on a piece of A4 paper.
- 2 Next choose a button to represent each of these people.
- 3 Place your button next to their name and take a picture so you remember who is who.
- 4 Design your tree - if you want you can practise on a piece of A4 paper and then trace the design onto the canvas. There are lots of examples of button trees on the internet.
- 5 Draw the tree using a permanent marker, a washable pen is fine too but it will fade over time
- 6 Position all of your buttons where you want them on the tree, then stick down with the glue.



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