



# Hunter & Coastal Region From The Pouch



Term 4 2006

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## A Message from Moani .....

This edition of "From the Pouch" has been produced by Gosford District. Thank you to all the leaders for their wonderful efforts.

I would like to talk about Joey Scouts advancing to Cub Scout Section. There seems to be some myths travelling through some Districts. Normally a Joey Scout will advance to the next Section about 6-8 weeks before their 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Joey Scout can advance from 7years but this would be an exception rather than the norm. If you have a Joey Scout who is very mature and you feel he/she should advance early, talk with your Cub Scout Leader/ the parents and you're Group Leader, if all agree, advance the child.

The advancement like most of our guidelines should be flexible. It is normally wise to send the Joey Scouts in pairs or small groups. This is where your flexibility should enter into things. You may have some Joeys nearer to 8 and perhaps a child 7.6. Do your planning to assist the children going up together. The big thing to remember is the maturity of the child, if you send them up to early and they do not cope with the next section- Scouting may lose that child from the movement.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Districts and Leaders who assisted at our Joey Scout Fun Day. The day was a great success, I thought the location was just right, the activities were fun and exciting and everything went as planned, you could not ask for more! Again thank you to all who helped.

Happy Hopping .....  Moani,

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank all my Gosford District Leaders for helping me with articles and programmes so that I could do my best in planning for Term 4. I have very limited computer skills and found this a real challenge, so would also like to thank Di Norman for her patience too in showing me how to compile "From The Pouch".

My Name is "Kooringa" and I only became the District Leader in Gosford District at the beginning of this year. In Gosford District we have 5 Groups with another starting in the near future. I enjoy Scouting and learn something new quite often. Hoping that there will be something of interest in this term's From The Pouch.

Yours in Scouting,

Angela Fairbairn.



# HALLOWEEN



Please Tell parents and Joey Scouts that this was originally a pagan festival from Scotland to rid the area of bad spirits and did not originate in the USA



## SUGGESTIONS FOR A HALLOWEEN MEETING FANCY DRESS (OF COURSE)

### MONSTER PARADE



1. **Ghost Chase**- Get a venturer/s with a big bag of flour to plot a circular route for the Joey Scouts to follow (They set off while parade is on).
  2. **Dooking for Apples** (The correct Scottish Term)- Apples in a big bucket of water, hands behind backs.
  3. **Bat Droppings** – Black Jelly Beans hidden in a plate of flour
  4. **Ghost Circles** – Donuts tied to pieces of string and strung across the hall.... Hands behind backs
  5. **Mummy Wrap** – Teams wrap one member up in toilet paper – First one covered wins.
  6. **Broomstick Relays** –Relay races on broomsticks.
  7. **Candle Making** Craft
  8. **Scary Mask** Making
  9. **Whistle Chase** – To catch the howling Ghost
  10. **Flour Fight** – Ghost Vomit – Ghost Bombs- You chose a suitable name use one layer of tissue, one teaspoon of flour and twist.
- Always do this just before sending your Joey Scouts home!!!!**



### **Perspective - Eyes of a child**

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yes," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four.

We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a river that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night.

Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others

We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!

"Life is too short and friends are too few."



## Umina Joey Scout Section -1<sup>st</sup> March 2006

### Nature – Rock pool visit if wet weather

#### **Background:**

Because it is raining it is not safe for us to go to the rock pool, instead we will be making our own rock pool to take home.

#### **Coming in Activity – 10 mins**

##### **Inside/Outside:**

Inside

##### **Materials:**

Paper  
Colour pencils/ crayons

##### **Methods:**

Get each Joey Scout to draw what they think they would find in a rock pool

#### **Stepping in Rock Pools -5 mins**

##### **Inside/Outside:**

Inside

##### **Materials**

Newspaper cut into rock pool shapes  
Music, which can be turned off and on

##### **Methods:**

Place newspaper shapes around on the floor in a circle. Have the Joey Scouts move around the circle while the music is playing. When it stops they are to hop in one of the rock pools. Take away one rock pool and restart the music. Making sure that as the rock pools get less and less the Joey Scouts start to share their rock pool. Continue until every Joey Scout is in one rock pool.

#### **Rock Pool Craft – 30 mins**

##### **Inside/Outside:**

Inside

##### **Materials:**

Large paper plates –Pool	Coloured paper –Anemone, snail, seaweed	
Egg carton –Sea Snail	Pencils/Crayons	Scissors
String –Star Fish Legs	Sellotape	Brown panty hose –Neptune’s Necklace
Cotton Balls –Neptune’s Necklace	Cardboard Circles –Star Fish body	

Leave only footprints

Take only snapshots

And have

FUN

Prepared by Marie Pilon,  
Assistant Joey Scout Leader, Broken Bay

## **Methods:**

### **Rock Pool:**

Get the Joeys to colour around the edge of the plate brown to be rocks and the centre to be the rock pool.

### **Sea Snail:**

Cut the egg carton up to make a snail shell. Have the Joeys cut out the shape of a snail body. Sellotape the snail body to the snail only using one piece of Sellotape so that the snail can fold up into the shell.

### **Starfish:**

Cut the cardboard into small circles for the body and have the Joeys colour the body. Cut 3 pieces of string for each starfish, as they have 6 legs. Cross the string over the back of the body and Sellotape the legs onto it.

### **Sea Anemone:**

Get the Joeys to roll up the red paper and Sellotape the end. Using the scissors snip down one end of the tube. Pull out the top and fizz up the tentacles. Trim the end of the anemone.

### **Neptune's Necklace:**

Cut the stockings into lengths, tie one end then get the Joeys to place a cotton ball into the stocking. Tie another knot and continue until they have no more stocking.



### **Construction:**

Get the Joeys to position where they want their creatures to go. Sellotape them on making sure that you only Sellotape one side of the sea snail so it can be lifted and to go to sleep.

### **Seaweed:**

Sellotape 2 thin stripes of paper into the water and get the Joeys to twist them.

### **Final Step:**

Talk to the Joeys about what rubbish they may find around the rocks and get them to draw in some seashells or other creatures. When they have done that get the Joeys to walk around the table to have a look at each other's rock pool.

### **Crab Relay - 5 mins**

#### **Inside/Outside:**

Inside

#### **Materials:**

Joey



#### **Methods:**

Line up in 2 teams. First Joey of each team is to move down the hall sideways on their hands and feet then return to tag the next Joey.

### **Hiding the Starfish - 5 mins**

#### **Inside/Outside:**

Inside

#### **Materials:**

Blanket



#### **Methods:**

Joey's stand around in a circle one Joey is chosen to curl up under the blanket. The Joey's move quietly around the Starfish until the Joey under the blanket comes out to catch one of the Joey's for his food. The Joey who gets caught is in.

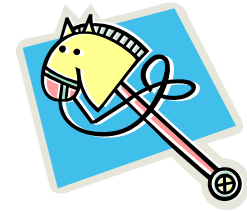


### **Gift**

Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow is a mystery  
And today is a gift.  
That's why they  
call it the **Present!!!**

# Melbourne Cup

## Some suggestions



**Hat Parade** - baseball hats or fancy hats

**Hobby Horses** - craft activity in weeks prior or can be made by a willing helper, using either wood or stuffed stockings for the heads

**Relay Races** use hobby horse heads on a stick riders must stay on the horse to win

**Chicken & Champagne Breakfast** - use non-alcoholic wine and chicken biscuits, sit on picnic blanket - invite parents to participate

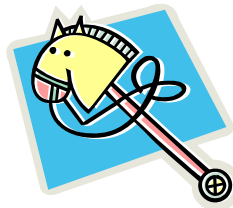
**Horse Racing** - blocks with an eye pin & string with a cardboard horse at the end, first one to reel his/her horse in wins - instructions from Kooringa

**Piggy Back Races** chose pairs carefully and ensure the "Horse" can carry the rider

**Racehorse Trails** that old favourite - half joeys with "tails" other half have to chase and remove the "tail"

**Gates & Tracks** another old favourite - one Joey can be the horse while the others hold their arms out and try to block the rider

**Winners Circle** presentation of "Melbourne Cups" to each Joey for participation



# Horse Racing – Melbourne Cup

This activity allows for a craft session & then a game to finish. It uses cut-out horses & an easy to make race track.

## Equipment

- 1 x sheet butcher's paper.
- 1 x horse template pair per Joey scout
- Glue , colour pencils & textas

## Making the horses

1. Cut the horses from the template leaving a 3cm strip at the bottom for a stand.
2. Paste back to back.
3. Colour horses
4. Fold bottom into a stand for the horse.

## The Track

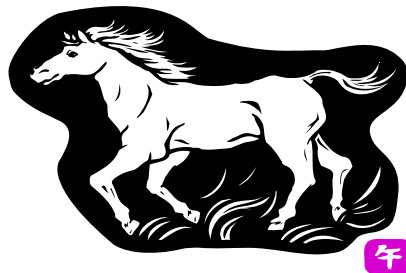
1. Take a strip of butcher's paper (or roll out foam for a permanent track).
2. Divide into 6 lanes.
- 3 Draw on 12 – 15 squares for each lane.

## The Game

1. Assign each Joey a number 1-6.
2. Take 2 dice.
3. Throw 1 of the die (this die indicates which horse is to move).
4. Thrown the 2<sup>nd</sup> die (this die indicates how many spaces the selected horse moves).
5. The winner is the 1<sup>st</sup> horse to cross the finish line.

You may need to help some of the Joeys with their counting.

The game can be played with less than 6 players – just say that the left over numbers, all move eg. 5 players – roll a 6, all 5 players move.



## Other Suggestions

Hat Parade- baseball hats or fancy hats.

**Care & Share Programme – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2005**  
**East Gosford Joeys & Cubs Night**

**5:20pm      Coming In – Numbers Game**

Joeys & Cubs run around and leader calls a number. Children form a group of that number.

**5:30pm      Opening Parade**

**Joey/Jilba**

Flag & Welcome - Law & Promise – Joeys    Law & Promise – Cubs

**5:35pm      Game – Knots**

**Akela**

All Joeys & Cubs stand in a huddle with arms above their heads. Each person is to grab hands with another person (hands must be held with 2 different people), there should be no hands left unheld. Once everyone has someone else's hand, Joeys and Cubs must move around slowly without pulling and with letting anyone else's hand go at any stage and untie the big knot.

**5:40pm      Game – Snap, Crackle & Pop**

**Joey**

Form groups of 3. Once in groups of 3, form a circle. 1<sup>st</sup> person called Snap, 2<sup>nd</sup> called Crackle, 3<sup>rd</sup> called Pop. A bean bag placed in centre of circle. Leader calls Snap, Crackle or Pop. If Snap called all the children called Snap run around outside of circle until they get back to where they left, crawl through legs of Crackle & Pop and grab bean bag in centre. Bean bag placed back in centre and game starts again.

**5:45pm      Game – Flying Blind**

**Raksha**

Joeys & Cubs pair off. Each pair given a number, 1 – 10? Each Joey is blind folded. Starting with pair number 1, Cubs call out directions and paces while Joey Scouts follow directions to get to the next numbered pair.

**5:50pm      Craft - Helping Hand**

**Akela**

Each Joey & Cub trace around their hand onto paper. Joey or Cub to write on each finger what they could do to H.O.P. Leader to explain that through the week Joeys & Cubs must do these 5 good deeds and bring their hand back next week with each finger signed by their parent/carer.

**6:00pm      Drink**

**Parent Helpers**

**6:05pm Craft – Just Imagine**

**Joey**

Go through magazines for pictures of different people, teachers, nurses, Bus drivers, senior citizens etc. Joeys & Cubs to work together cutting out people from magazines. Once cut out form a circle and sit down. A Joey or Cub is chosen to show their cut out picture and has to say how he or she could help that person.

**6:15pm Minute Games – Activity 1**

**Darzee**

Joeys and Cubs sitting in a circle, how many times can they pass 2 objects around the circle, 1 clockwise, 1 anti-clockwise? Count how times the objects pass in 1 minute.

**Activity 2**

**Jilba**

A Joey and a Cub pair off standing back to back. 1 has an object they pass over their head followed by between their legs. How many times can they do this in 1 minute?

**Activity 3**

**Platypus**

How long is 1 minute? 60 seconds. Joeys and Cubs to sit down once they think a minute is up. They cannot stand back up again.

**6:20pm Game - Poison Ball**

**All Leaders**

All Joeys and Cubs in middle of circle. Leaders to throw ball at children must hit below knee. If hits child below knee the child must join outside circle and help throw ball. Last person left wins.

**6:25pm Closing Parade – Thankyou to Cubs**

**Joey/Jilba**

**Reminder – Hands – Bring back next week**

**Care & Share/Prayer – Joeys/Cubs Flag**

"Time is really the only capital  
that any human being has,  
and the only thing  
he can't afford to lose."

Thomas Edison

# CARE 'N' SHARE

## Ideas for this essential component

1. **Visit** a nursing home
2. **Visit** an old folks home
3. **Visit** the children's ward of your local hospital
4. **Invite elders** to your meeting
5. **Invite or visit** people of another ethnic background
6. **Make gifts** for the less fortunate
7. **Collect** gifts for a charity
8. Have a **food or clothing** drive and donate to a charity
9. Have a **multi-cultural meal**; explain the origins of each dish
10. Learn how to **use you scarf as a sling for emergencies**
11. Have a **Bring a friend** meeting
12. Invite Parents for an **afternoon-tea** meeting
13. Have a **"Pot Luck"** meal as part of your meeting or as a separate event.

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### JOEY SCOUT SONG

SUNG TO THE HAPPY LITTLE VEGEMITE SONG.

WE'RE HAPPY LITTLE JOEY SCOUTS  
WE'RE FRIENDLY AS CAN BE.  
WE LIKE TO HELP ALL PEOPLE  
WE ARE FRIENDS AS YOU CAN SEE.  
WE DO OUR BEST,  
WE LOVE OUR GOD,  
WE LOVE OUR BIG COUNTRY  
BECAUSE WE'RE HAPPY JOEY SCOUTS  
BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDLY JOEY SCOUTS  
WE BRING A SMILE TO EVERY CHEEK.

## NEW ENVIRONMENTAL OUTING IDEAS

### **SARATOGA MANGROVE BOARDWALK, SARATOGA. Central Coast**

This 90m elevated walk winds its way through grey mangroves from the end of Marion Street to the proposed footpath/ cycleway at the back of the tennis courts in Willaroo Road.

### **WARRIEWOOD WETLANDS, SYDNEY'S NORTHERN BEACHES**

Curl Curl Joey Mob took 2 hours to do this circular walk which is nearly all stroller friendly, so little siblings can enjoy the day as well. Another new boardwalk section enables you to look at all the different types of birds and teach joeys about the wetlands.



### **BELATED HONOUR**

Al Hanson was a Boy Scout as a kid, but he was 80 when he received the prestigious Eagle Badge. Hanson had earned Scouts' highest honour when he was 17. However, he wasn't around to receive the badge because he had signed up to fight in the Second World War. When the Scouts of Troop 26 heard Hanson's story, they decided to surprise him with a special ceremony and present him with the Eagle Badge. "I didn't expect anything like this," says Hanson. Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Beuchman Sr. said honour has followed Hanson all of his life.

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### **TRIVIA**

1. What does 'H' stand for in HTTP?
  2. True or False? Flies have six small wings.
  3. What was the name of the mythical South American city of gold?
  4. What article of fashion is Jimmy Choo most famous for?
  5. Which city is a holy one for three religions?
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## Hedgehog Slice

240g Marie Biscuits 120 g butter

75 g walnuts

¼ tsp vanilla

2 tbs cocoa

½ cup sugar

1 egg

Break biscuits and walnuts into a basin. Bring to the boil – butter, sugar, vanilla, cocoa. Beat the egg, mix in pour over biscuits. Press into tray, ice with chocolate icing, sprinkle with chopped nuts or coconut.

Allow to set. Enjoy!



## Tri Bead Wreath



16 beads, red green and white = 48 beads

1 pipe cleaner in green, red, white or silver.

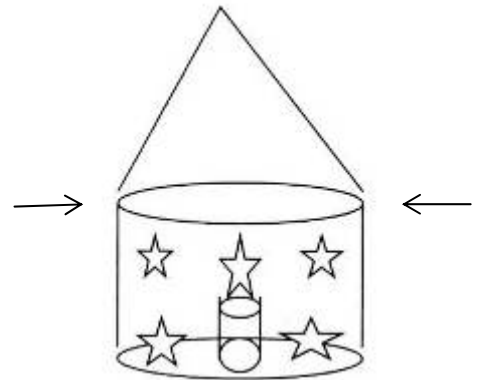
- Place a bead or button on the pipe cleaner.
- Loop the pipe cleaner around to hold it in place.
- Thread beads in pattern
- When finished,
- Remove button
- twist pipe cleaner into a circle
- tie ends into a bow  
dab with glue if necessary

# Xmas Fairy Lights

This is a simple and cheap idea that can be very effective

## Requirements

- Empty food tins
- String
- One tea light candle per can
- Hole punch
- Shaped hole punch



## Directions

- Wash and dry tins
- Ensure there are no sharp edges
- Punch two holes opposite each other for the string (see arrows)
- Punch decorative holes around the can to let light shine through. Use a decorative shape punch, if available, if not use a plain screwdriver or a Phillips head screwdriver
- Knot string on the outside of can on one side
- Loop over the top of the can and tie string on the other side of the can (see arrows)
- Place tea light inside
- Hand
- Enjoy!

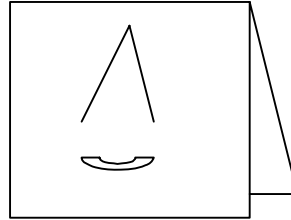
## ANSWERS TO TRIVIA.

1.Hyper 2.False 3.El Dorado 4.Shoes 5.Jerusalem.

# CHRISTMAS GIFT TAG

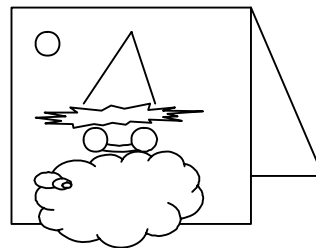
## Requiriements

- Red Cardboard rectangles double the length required for gift tag
- Cotton wool
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Thick Black texta
- Curling ribbon



## Method

1. **In the Top half** cut out the triangle shape shown above
2. Cut the mouth shape as shown in Figure 1
3. Glue cotton wool on the bottom of the triangle and a small ball at the tip as shown.
4. Glue a large ball of cotton wool on the bottom curve as shown
5. Use the thick black texta to draw eyes
6. Gently Push the Tip of the hat outwards
7. Gently push the beard outwards
8. Use the hole punch to make a hole through both layers of the tag.
9. Thread some curling ribbon through the hole and tie
10. Write on the inside of your tag
11. Attach your gift tag to the present



A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.



# HARMONY DAY

PHOTOGRAPHS  
1<sup>ST</sup> OURIMBAH SCOUT HALL

Ourimbah Joey Scout Mob is one of our new Mobs in the Region. This was the first time they had participated in Harmony Day!



# A Friend . . . .

By: Author Unknown, Source unknown

- (A)cccepts you as you are
- (B)elieves in “you”
- (C)alls you just to say “Hi”
- (D)oesn’t give up on you
- (E)nvvisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
- (F)orgives your mistakes
- (G)ives unconditionally
- (H)elps you
- (I)nvites you over
- (J)ust “be” with you
- (K)eeps you close at heart
- (L)oves you for who you are
- (M)akes a difference in your life
- (N)ever judges
- (O)ffer support
- (P)icks you up
- (Q)uiets your fears
- (R)aises your spirits
- (S)ays nice things about you
- (T)ells you the truth when you need to hear it
- (U)nderstands you
- (V)alues you
- (W)alks beside you
- (X)-plains things you don’t understand
- (Y)ells when you won’t listen and
- (Z)aps you back to reality

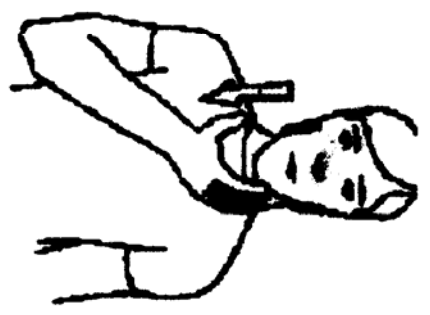




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happy



Christmas

X3



happy



new



year

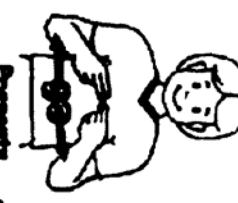
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Santa/Father Christmas



Looking at his list



Presents



Family Friends



Snow



Mom



Christmas



Tree



Singing

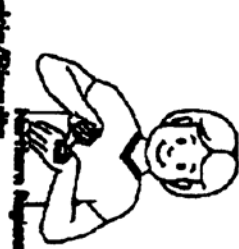


Eves

Note: Sign EV (vertical) 3 times to represent the 3 eves.



Singing



Gifts/Receipts



Lobby/Candy



Cake



EV

Note: Sign EV (vertical) 2 times to represent the 2 eves.



Rehearsal



Star



Christmas



Shocking

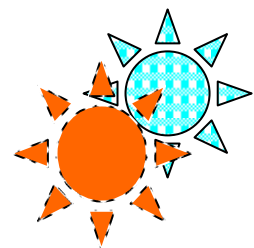
# Xmas CENTRE PIECE

## Requirements

Polystyrene cups or tin cans  
Dowel rod or sticks  
Polystyrene balls  
Plaster of Paris  
Pins  
Flowers  
Ribbons  
Shapes for decorations.  
Paint

## Method

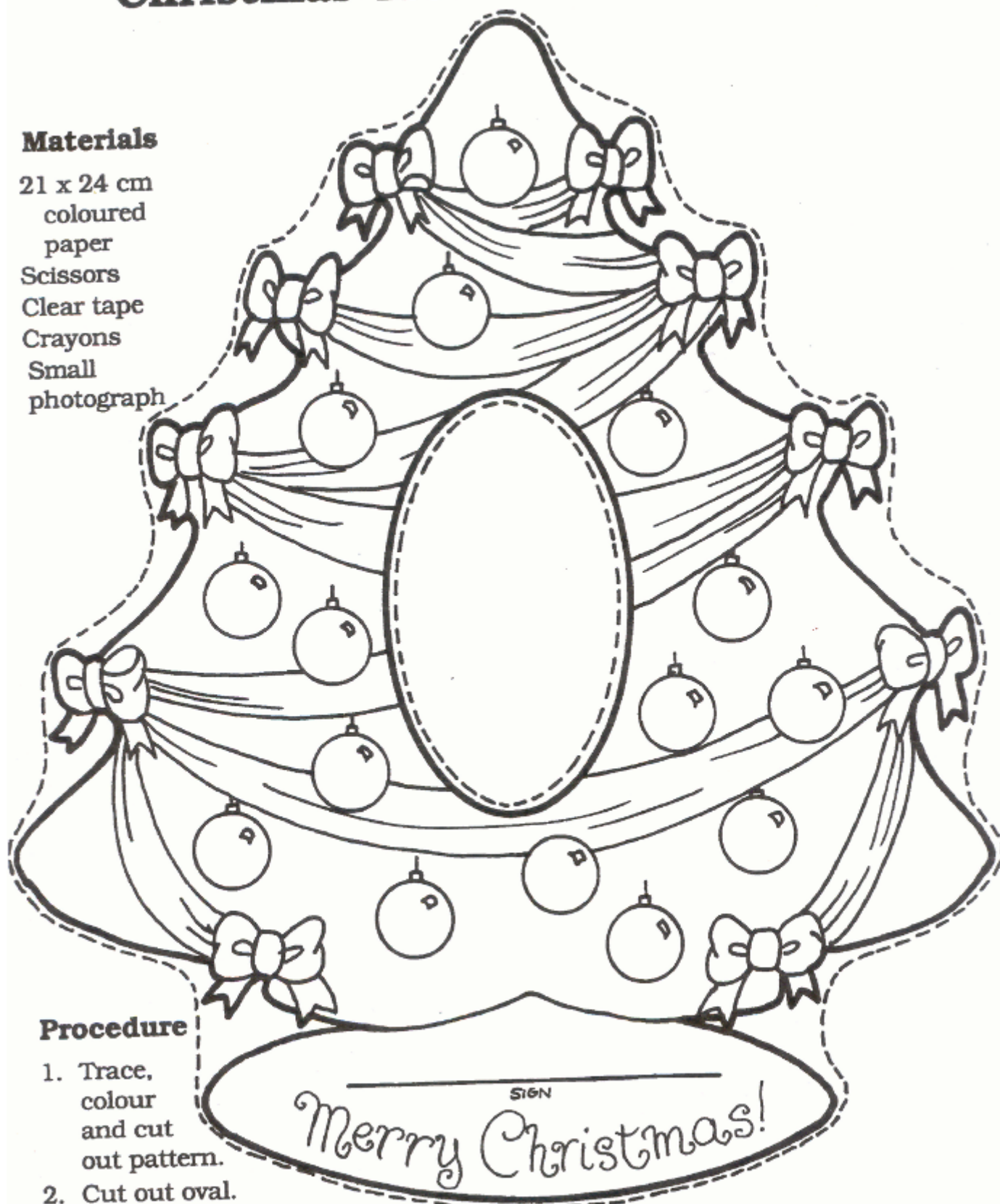
1. paint cup or tin gold or silver
2. Allow to dry
3. Mix plaster of Paris as per directions on pack
4. Fill cup 2/3 full with mixture
5. Insert dowel or stick
6. Allow to set
7. Put polystyrene ball on the top of the stick/dowel
8. Decorate the ball using pins, flowers, bows or shapes as desired.
9. Wrap a piece of ribbon around the container, if desired.



# Christmas Tree Picture Frame

## Materials

21 x 24 cm  
coloured  
paper  
Scissors  
Clear tape  
Crayons  
Small  
photograph



## Procedure

1. Trace, colour and cut out pattern.
2. Cut out oval.
3. Write your name on the blank.
4. Tape photograph behind the space so you can see the picture through the oval.