



Create Your Own Family Tree

What a great way to learn more about your own family, by talking to relatives and mapping out a family tree.

There are many ways you can do this including electronically, but Woolly likes to get his hooves dirty. Pull out the paint, pens, crayons, coloured paper, scissors, glue etc and get creative.

STEP ONE – Create a Tree



First you will need to find a big piece of paper or card to put your tree on. Woolly has come up with some ideas to help you with your tree below:

- Draw a tree shape in pencil and colour it in
- Get straight in with paints and paintbrushes
- Use your hands or fingertips in some paint to make the tree
- Draw a trunk and glue buttons on as leaves
- Cut out leaves from green paper and stick them onto your trunk



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STEP TWO – Labels for family

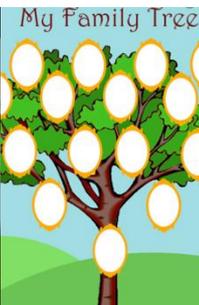
The labels are where you will write the name of the family member and perhaps add other details if you want to such as:

- Photo
- Date of birth
- Relationship to you

Cut out labels from coloured paper. They might be shaped like leaves, apples, birds – whatever you would like. Don't stick them on your tree yet though!



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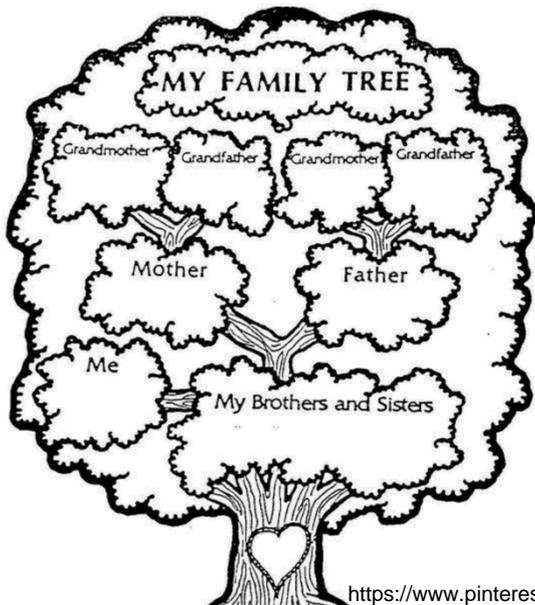


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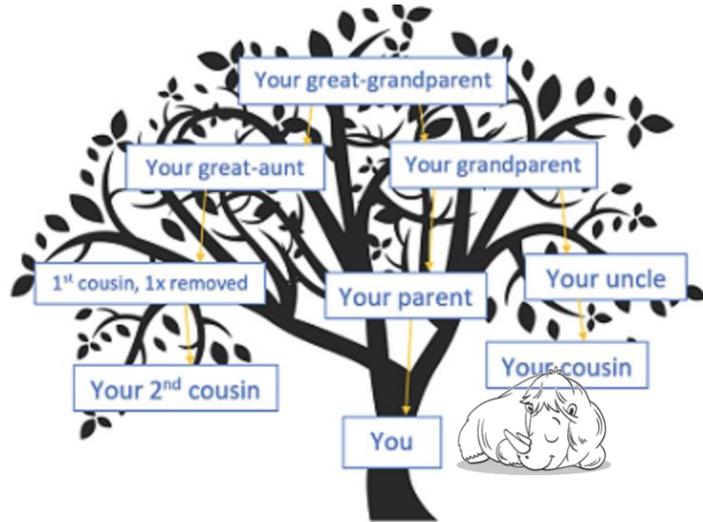
STEP THREE – Add the labels

Now it's time to add your labels to your tree. Let's start with you and any brothers or sisters you may have.

Working upwards will be your parents and their brothers and sisters and their parents and so on. Ask your family to help you. Maybe they will tell you some stories from when they were children?



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TIPS FOR THE ADULTS

- Once you've had a chat about your own childhood, show your child some photos of your own parents, stepparents and grandparents, explaining that these are their ancestors. This is a great, visual way to begin a family tree with a child; including their name and photo at the bottom of a family tree chart and building the story from there.
- You can start the tree very simply by explaining the maternal and paternal sides of a family tree.
- Encourage your child to call up Grandma or Grandad and ask them if they had a brother or sister – what a great excuse for staying in touch with family during this lockdown.
- Don't forget to tell stories of your own childhood
- Don't just stick to names and dates – tell stories of your relatives
- The tree could show just the household, some extended members, or as many as you can think of – decide at the beginning as this may affect the designing stage.
- When you are done and if you are willing, we would love you to share them on Facebook and tag in Wirksworth Heritage Centre.