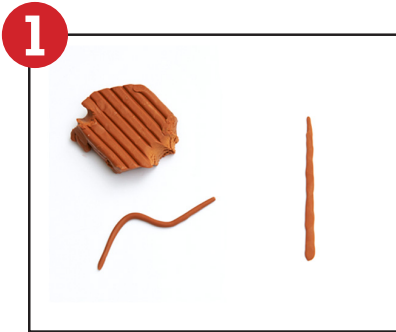


# Make a Plasticine Tree Ornament

## Materials:

- A small paper plate, plastic yoghurt lid or small piece of cardboard.
- A sharp pencil or toothpick.
- Plasticine or modeling clay. Green, red, white and brown are useful colours.
- Ribbon, string or paperclips to hang decoration.



1 Roll out a thin piece of Plasticine. Press it onto your background to make the tree trunk.



2 Pinch a small triangle of Plasticine and stick it onto the top of your tree. To make branches, roll some thick pieces and press them across the trunk, getting wider from top to bottom.



3 Spread some snow under the tree.



4 Add texture to the branches with a sharp pencil or toothpick.



5 Roll out two thin pieces of different colours. Twist the strings together. Roll again to make one smooth string. Cut the string into candy cane size pieces and bend the ends. Add to your tree.



6 Decorate your tree with more Plasticine shapes. You may even add sparkles, sequins and bits of foil.



7 Poke a hole in the top of the plate and tie a ribbon to hang your decorating. Beautiful!



Find some ideas in Barbara Reid's version of *The Night Before Christmas*, published by Scholastic Canada.