

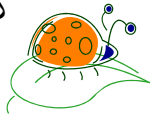
How to Make Friends with a Tree



Here are 10 steps to help you make friends with a tree. Not just any tree — a special tree that you find yourself and are friends with forever.



- Step 1 Find a tree that looks special to you. Don't ask anyone to help you choose. You'll just know when you find it.
- Step 2 Give your friend a big hug. Shake hands with your friend if it has low branches!
- Step 3 Close your eyes and run your fingers up and down the trunk. How does your friend feel?
- Step 4 Crush a leaf, close your eyes and use your nose. How does your friend smell?
- Step 5 Stand quietly under your tree and think about the sounds you hear. What other creatures are friends with your tree?



Step 6 What kind of tree is your friend? Use our Tree Finder's Guide to help!

Step 7 Is your friend deciduous or coniferous?

Step 8 Sketch your tree using 12 strokes or less.

Step 9 Think of a nick-name for your tree.

Step 10 Enjoy your tree! Nobody needs to know what's special about your tree. That's between you and your new friend.

