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Create Your Very Own “Hope Tree”

Materials You Will Need:

- a **small tree branch** (either a decorative one or a stick you find on your adventures in your backyard)
- a **sturdy base to stick your branch in** (a small piece of Styrofoam or compact soil)
- a **flower pot**
- **string**
- **hole punch**
- **scissors**
- **markers**
- **leaf template**
- **your own special decorations for your tree**

Instructions:

1. Place a small piece of Styrofoam or some soil into a flower pot.
2. Stand branch upright in this base.
3. Create some leaves for your tree by using my template or designing your own.
4. Cut out leaves and punch a hole in each of them, so you may tie strings through them. *Make sure a parent/guardian helps you when handling scissors or a hole punch.
5. Write words of hope or encouragement on your leaves, and hang them like ornaments on your tree.
6. Decorate your “hope tree” with any other materials you like!
7. May your “hope tree” bring you and your loved ones comfort.

Leaf Template

