

# Make-N-Take

## Project: Kindness Tree

### Materials:

- 1 sheet blue stiff felt, approximately 8½ x 12 inches
- 1 sheet purple stiff felt
- 1/3 sheet green foam
- White glue
- 25 craft foam hearts of assorted size/color, store bought or cut from scratch
- "I noticed" printout, laminated
- 27 Velcro dots, hook side only
- Ribbon
- Tree pattern
- Grass pattern



### Usage:

When someone in the class does a kind or helpful act, notice them by placing a foam heart on the kindness tree. At the end of the day, count the hearts and offer feedback. "Our School Family™ was kind and helpful today. Let's see how many kindness hearts are on our kindness tree!"

Counting the kindness hearts at the end of the day can be a great math exercise for younger children. Older children may wish to record specific acts in a kindness notebook kept near the tree. You or the Kindness Recorder job person would then select two or three kind acts to share with the class at the end of the day.

Once the kind acts have been acknowledged, place the hearts back in the grass pocket to bloom again the next day.

### Directions:

1. Cut out the tree pattern and trace the pattern on the purple stiff felt with a marker or pen.
2. Cut out the purple tree and glue it onto the blue stiff felt.
3. Cut out the grass pattern and trace the pattern on the green foam with a marker or pen.
4. Cut out the green grass and glue the sides and the bottom of grass onto

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stiff felt, leaving the top edge open.

5. Attach the hook side of one Velcro dot to each of the foam hearts and store the foam hearts in the grass pocket at the foot of the tree.
6. Attach the hook side of two Velcro dots to the laminated "I noticed" strip and attach the sign to the blue felt above the tree.
7. Hole punch two holes in the top of the blue stiff felt and attach the ribbon to use as a hanger.
8. You did it! You made a Kindness Tree!

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