



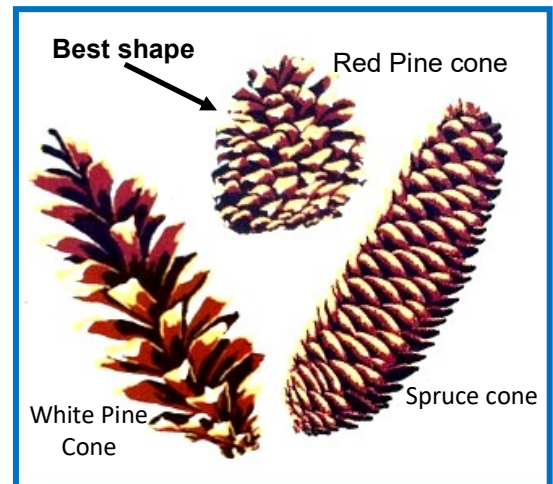
Pinecone Snowy Owl

Turn your found pinecones into sweet little snowy owls.

Begin with a pinecone hunt around your neighbourhood. Look for fallen pinecones. (Please leave the cones on trees in place.) Round-shaped pinecones from the red, scotch and jack pines work best. They have flat bottoms which allow your little owl to stand on its own. Long pinecones from the white pine and spruce trees can work but do not stand up on their own. Plan to hang little owls made from long pinecones. Before making your owl, tie a loop of string to the top of the pinecone. This part of the pinecone is called the rachis.

Materials:

- ◆ Fat round pinecone — 1 per owl
- ◆ Piece of string or yarn if you wish to hang your owl
- ◆ Fleece or polyester batting/stuffing
- ◆ Tooth pick
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Found materials for eyes and beak or use our template at the bottom of the page



Procedure:

Tie a loop of string to the rachis (pinecone tip), if you plan to hang up your owl.

Using small bits at a time, stuff fleece between the pinecone scales. Fill in all the spaces. A tooth pick can help tuck the fleece into the small spaces. Avoid covering the umbos. (Yes, the end on the pinecone scale is called an umbo.) The umbos give your snowy owls its camouflaging speckles.

Once the body is finished, draw, colour and cut out large eyes and hooked beak. Glue in place. Or use our templates below. Older children may wish to use found objects such as beads, buttons, pipe cleaners, and so forth to create eyes and a beak .

