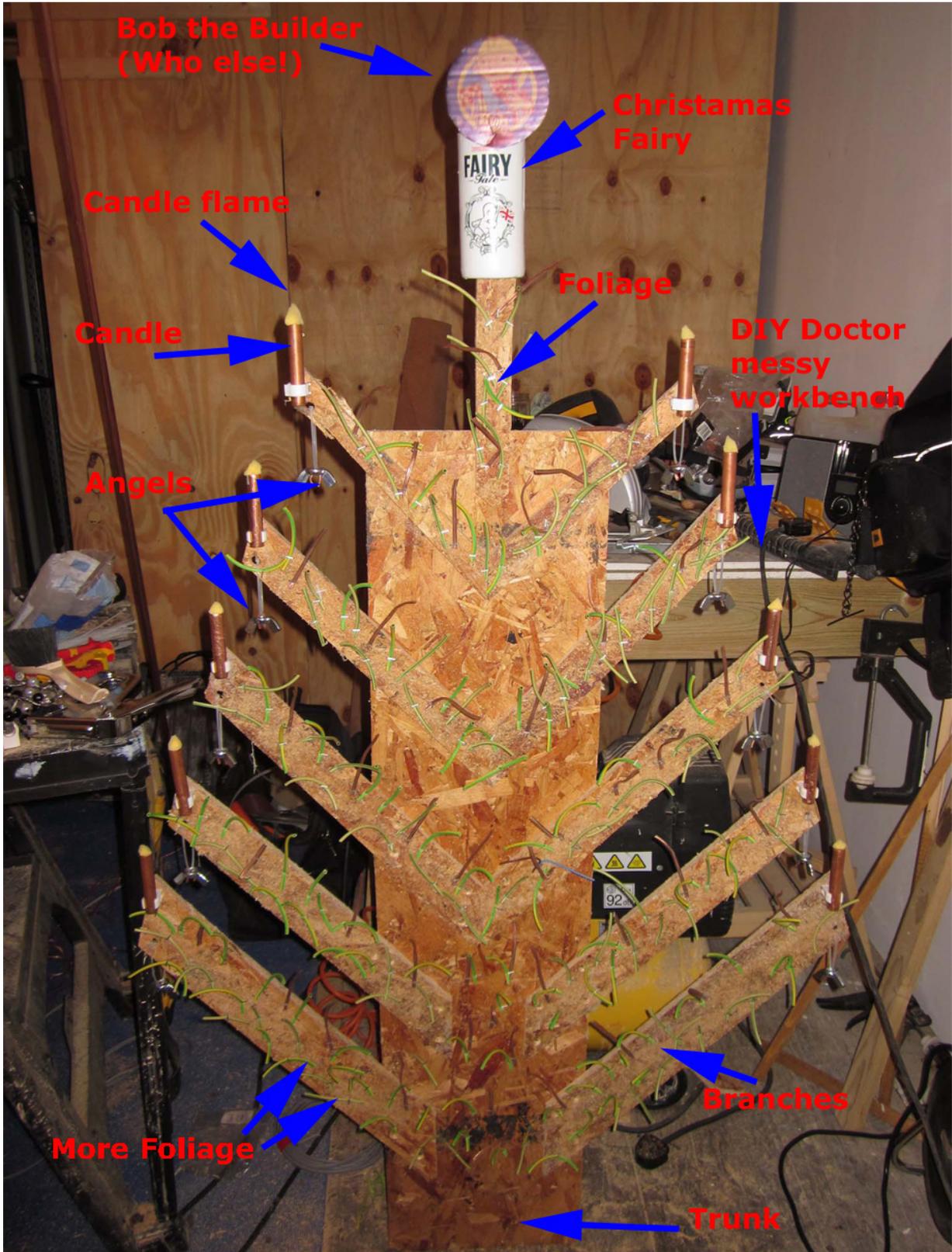




How to make a DIY Christmas Tree – no messin:



1. The workshop:

Find somewhere warm with a kettle and no nagging about mess. Shrewd.

2. The Trunk:

Get some wood. It doesn't matter which kind of wood. You need a wide-ish bit for the trunk. Precise.



3. The Branches:

Get some more wood. It still doesn't matter which kind. Anything from 25mm to 100mm wide will do. Drill a small hole at the end of each branch as close to the bottom of the branch as you can. Detailed.

4. Putting the branches on the trunk:

Screw the branches onto the trunk so they are sloping up as shown. When they are all screwed on draw a straight line from the top to the bottom branch at an angle that is Christmas Tree shaped. Innovative.

5. The Fairy:

Get a bottle of washing up liquid with a name a little like a fairy. Get someone else to do a lot of washing up until the bottle is empty. Then cut the top off the bottle so you can still see the name of the fairy.

Drill a little hole in the bottom of the fairy, its real bottom, then screw it to the branch you have made to point upwards.



Get a picture of Bob the Builder, or your Gran, and cut it out. Staple it to the top of the fairy for its face. Innovative.

6. The Candles:

Cut some copper pipe into 100mm lengths. Get some pipe clips. Fix the pipe clips to the end of the branches. Clip the copper pipe in. Easy.



7. The flame:

Get a decorators sponge. Tear bits off it. Stick the bits into the top of the candle. Use some scissors to cut the sponge to a point and turn it into a flame. Clever.

8. The foliage:

Cut 1,231,822 bits of earth sleeve from a roll. Make them about 75mm long. Get a staple gun and randomly staple them to the trunk and branches. Creative.



9. The Angels:

Get some wing nuts. The bigger the better. Push a cable tie through the hole you drilled in each branch. Loop the cable tie leaving enough of a loop to nearly touch the top of the branch below. Squeeze the cable tie and slide the wing nut up so some cable tie loop sticks out the bottom. Get some wire and put it through the loop to stop the wing nut falling off. Class.



10. Standing it up:

Easiest thing to do here is to lean it up against a wall. But if you are a perfectionist or you want it in the middle of the room so everyone can marvel at your DIY skills; fix some shelf brackets to the bottom. Stunning.



So there we have it. Tidy your workshop and make a very valuable Christmas tree at the same time. How helpful are we?!

**Have a truly brilliant Christmas
from everyone at DIY Doctor**

