HOW TO MAKE A BRANCH TREE

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE
TIME: 2 HOURS

YOU WILL NEED:

- Martha Stewart Living™ Merry Metallic ornaments, 100-piece set
- Martha Stewart Living Merry Metallic owl, pinecone, and bird ornaments
- 28-gauge steel galvanized wire
- Wire cutters
- Bare branches
- Pruners
- Lightweight urn
- Martha Stewart Living Metallic Glaze Project Paint in Medallion
- Foam brush
- Cardboard
- Sand
- Pinecones
- Chicken wire
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STEP 1
Using a foam brush, paint urn with Metallic Glaze paint. Let dry.

STEP 2
Paint pinecones with Metallic Glaze paint. Let dry.

STEP 3
Prune a branch or set of branches to fit in urn. (It might be necessary to bundle a few branches together with wire to create a fuller tree.)
STEP 4
Create a “frog” by folding in the corners of a 12-inch-by-12-inch piece of chicken wire. Roll the chicken wire into a loose ball.

STEP 5
Set frog in center of urn. Position branches by inserting into the frog. Pour sand around branch stems to secure in place.

STEP 6
Prepare wire length for ornament hanging: Cut a piece of cardboard to measure 2 inches. Wrap 28-gauge wire around cardboard about 25 times. With wire cutters, cut wrapped wire off cardboard at one edge. The result should be twenty-five 4-inch pieces. Repeat to create additional ornament wires.
STEP 7
Wiring ornaments: Fold wire about ¾ of an inch up from one end and thread through hanging loop of ornament. Twist wire to secure onto ornament. Repeat for each ornament.

STEP 8
Decorate branches with ornaments by wrapping ornament wires around branches.

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Place painted pinecones on top of sand to finish off the decorative urn.