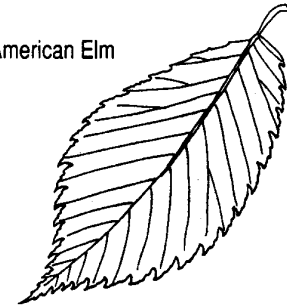


## ***Create an American Elm of your own!***

Find an American elm in your area and do a complete study of the tree to discover:

- What are the shape and colour of the leaves? Perhaps trace a leaf or make a rubbing of one.
- How are the leaves attached to the twigs? Are they opposite each other or alternating on the twig?
- What is the colour and feel of the bark? Measure how deep the ridges are.
- What is the overall shape of the tree? Is it vase shaped or umbrella shaped as suggested?
- What kinds of birds, animals, and bugs are on the tree? Look for evidence of elm bark beetles by watching for small holes at the base of the elm with red sawdust showing.

American Elm



Once you have all your information gathered, make an elm of your own using a wrapping paper tube, pipe cleaners, and construction paper. You can glue scrunched brown paper on the tube for the bark and even make some clay birds or animals to go with it!



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