



Checklist: is my forest a Tiny Forest®?

IVN natuureducatie has a mission to bring back nature in all day live of children. For this purpose we have created Tiny Forest®. We share our methods through a manual. That way anyone in the world can create a Tiny Forest®. But not every small woodland is a Tiny Forest®. This document describes the technical and the social criteria of a genuine Tiny Forest®.

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Technical criteria Tiny Forest®

Tiny Forests are planted according to the Miyawaki-method. You can find the detailed description of this method in the manual Tiny Forest®. Below you will find the technical criteria of a Tiny Forest®.

- Did you conduct a primary tree survey of the indigenous tree species in you region?
- Are you sure that all the trees in you forest are indigenous?
- Did you prepare the soil according the Miyawaki method?
- Did you plant at least 25 different species of indigenous trees in your forest?
- Did you plant at least 3-5 trees per square meter in your forest?
- Is your forest at least 4 meters wide?
- Is the surface of your forest at least 200 square meters?
- Did you plant the crownlayer trees in the middle of the forest?
- Does you forest have a 10 cm thick mulch-layer?
- May the trees in your forest grow naturally for a period of at least ten years and may no trees be cut down?
- Does your forest have a fence around the perimeter for the first two years, to protect the young saplings?
- Do you leave all leaves and other organic material in the forest?

Social criteria Tiny Forest®

A Tiny Forest® is a community forest. A Tiny Forest® is always planted with the local community and local (school)children. Your forest is only a Tiny Forest® if is planted and maintained by locals and if the local community uses it as a meeting place. The questions below will help you to determine if your forest is a Tiny Forest®.

- Does your forest have an outdoor classroom?
- Did the local community and/or local (school)children help with the plantation and creation of the forest?
- Did a school or daycare center adopt the forest and do they use the outdoor classroom for nature education?
- Do (school)children and local community members help with the maintenance of the forest?
- Does the local community use the forest as a meeting place?

Did you create a Tiny Forest®? Tell us about it!

Does your forest meet allcriteria? Congratulations you have created a Tiny Forest®, and please contact us. We would love to hear all about your Tiny Forest®. Please contact us, so we can enshrine your forest into our Global Tiny Forest Database and share your story on our website. If your forest does not meet all criteria? Kudos for planting a forest in your own special way, but please do not call it a Tiny Forest®.