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When I saw that Trader Joe's had these huge unscented cones this year, I couldn't buy a pair fast enough.

This turned into a huge project of white washing not only these pine cones but several others. I will also show you how I used some white washed mini pine cones for neighbor gifts this year.

Take a look at these marvelous cones. I think they are easily 8 inches tall. Tall and handsome.

White washed pine cones with tassles

I used left over ceiling paint from our recent drywall job in the living room. If you follow on my [Insta-stories](#), you are fully abreast of that ~~disaster~~ situation.

Anyway.

I mixed some of the paint with water. I added very little water because I wanted the white wash to be fairly opaque. I added the paint to a 2 gallon ziplock bag.

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Then dipped and shook the cone around in the paint before taking it out to dry.

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I let it dry on plastic bags and rotated them frequently so the paint would drip out and not dry in clumps. I also tried using a few other cones from around here. It took quite a while. I transferred them to clean bags every once in a while to avoid clumps. It was a royal mess.

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After the big cones were dry I drilled holes into them at the top and screwed in eye hooks as you see below.

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Then I hung them from our two cabinets in the living room I added a little bit of ribbon and done.

With the smaller white-washed cones, I made some...

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Neighbor gifts. I took a ceramic's class this fall and learned to throw some bowls. I made these five and many others.

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I filled them with some clay for weight and stability, [A candle](#), some moss and greenery from my yard. I tied a tag around the candles and finally added a couple white mini cones to the base.

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They were very well received!

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