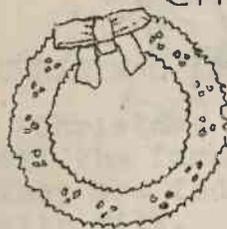


## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS EASILY MADE



For the door a number of silver bells or balls arranged lengthwise on a bough of cedar and tied with a bow of red ribbon gives a note of welcome and cheer to guests.

Small holly boughs with leaves tipped in silver paint and placed in an arch around each window of a room set it off.

Sweet gum balls painted in silver and gold make attractive tree decorations.

Make a marshmallow Santa Claus to decorate Christmas tables. With the aid of wet toothpicks stick marshmallows onto bright red apples for the head, arms, and feet. Use a slice of candied cherry for the mouth and whole cloves for the eyes and buttons. Make his whiskers with a bit of marshmallow and top his beard with a candied cherry.

Let the center decoration for your living room be a mirror over the mantle flashing out to all the message of Merry Christmas painted thereon with silver polish.

Pine burrs painted in gold, silver, red, and green and piled mound-fashion in a colorful plate or platter make a beautiful table decoration, lasting through out the holidays. Some of these burrs will make good candle sticks for your Christmas candles.

Arrange in a shallow bowl an indoor garden made of mosses, berries, and tiny green plants.

Take branches of small trees and dip them in cold starch. Put them into a bag in which a box of artificial snow has been emptied and then shake. Remove and place in flower bowls. Red berries stuck on the ends of the branches add a festive touch.

Branches of small trees sprayed with aluminium paint and sharp ends decorated with gum drops make a bright note in any dark spot.

Using a clothes hanger for the frame, make a wreath to take to the cemetery or to hang over the door.

Gather running moss or small limbs of cedar trees to weave around the rack, holding fast by thread. After enough green has been added, decorate with anything you think suitable. A large red candle in the middle is a suggested idea or a large red bow hanging from the wreath.

