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**'Goody Tree' Will Brighten Your Home At Christmas—And It's Easy to Make**

INSTEAD of pulling out that old box of glass ornaments to decorate your Christmas tree, why not make it a "Goody Tree" this winter? It looks nice, it's lots of fun to make, and it's still more fun to eat the ornaments when Christmas is over.

Popcorn balls, cookie Santa Clauses, surprise nuts, candy canes and a dozen other delicacies can hang from the tree on Christmas morning. Instead of just looking at the pretty tree standing in the corner, you can reach out and eat some of the nice things that hang from its branches.

A Goody Tree doesn't cost very much because the few materials needed are later eaten anyway. No real work is required to make the goodies; parents and children can have a lot of fun working together to make their tree pretty.

**Popcorn Strings.**  
Popcorn strings always look pretty on the tree. They're easy to make, too. Paint some popcorn with vegetable coloring. Then thread it on a piece of string, keeping a regular combination of colors, such as one red and one white, or one red and two white.

Popcorn balls can be fixed next. Boil two cups of sugar with syrup and pour over freshly buttered popcorn. Mix well and allow to cool slightly. Butter your hands thoroughly, then shape into balls. When the balls are shaped, push a string into them before you put them aside to dry. This will make them easier to hang.

Surprise nuts always make a hit with the children—and grown-ups, too. Scoop the nutmeats out of a couple dozen walnuts, being careful not to crack or break the shells. Into each two pieces of empty shell, place a little gift, such as a shiny

new penny, a piece of candy, a little trinket, or even a dime. Place a piece of knotted string between the two halves before gluing them together. When the glue is dry, paint the shells bright colors. Before long, no one will remember what is inside any one of them.

Buy some nice, solid red apples and a few good looking oranges. Shine the apples until they glisten, then stack them in the shape of a pyramid at the base of the tree. Be careful to arrange the oranges and apples in some regular order or design.

**Christmas Cookies.**  
When you bake Christmas cookies, put as much color into the figures as possible. Break some hard candy and put in little pieces for eyes, or make a few buttons down the front of the shirt. Push a piece of string through each cookie so it can be hung on the tree.

Lollypops may easily be made attractive. Simply tie some fancy bows made out of cellophane or colored paper around the stems. Candy canes always dress up a tree, and can be purchased almost anywhere.

If you have some tinfoil, use it to make a few small cornucopias. Shape it into the form of a cone and push a piece of string through one side. Fill the cone with little candies and it is ready to hang on the tree.

Many more things can be made for the tree. Use any ideas you might have—it will make the tree more your own.

The goodies are hung on the tree the same as regular ornaments. It is advisable, however, to place them so that small children can get at some candies without danger of pulling down the tree.

When it is all finished, the Goody Tree will probably give you the most fun out of Christmas you've had in years.



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