

HOW TO SELECT A TREE

When you select a Christmas tree, you and mothers ask questions. The answer depends on the type of tree you buy and the care you give it.

All trees tend to drop their leaves and needles when they are cut and stored in a dry room. But some kinds naturally hold their needles longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and red cedars.

Spruces are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly. Its sharp needles will prick your hand.

The Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop off. Needles of the Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be easily identified by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact that they do not shed their needles easily. This is most likely due to their unsymmetrical appearance which does not closely resemble the traditional Christmas tree.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your tree stand and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

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Making Colored Flames

For Christmas Fireplace

Would you like beautifully colored flames in the Christmas fireplace?

Here are a number of chemicals which may be added to coal or wood. As a further precaution, wear a mask and goggles when using these mixtures, or the chemicals and shells mixed with sawdust.

- Violet flame potassium chlorate
- Yellow flame potassium nitrate
- Orange flame calcium chloride
- Red flame strontium nitrate
- Apple-green flame barium nitrate
- Emerald flame copper nitrate
- Green flame borax
- Purple flame lithium chloride

The progress and peace of the world will be stimulated mightily if we demonstrate that an economy of abundance is not idealistic dreaming,

but a practical, workable, common-sense way of doing things — Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

Pecans furnish a generous amount of fats and protein, and also B vitamins, together with small amounts of iron and calcium.

Make Your Own Yuletide Wreaths

It's Fun for All and Offers Chances for Clever Designs.

COLORFUL homemade decorations that lend gaiety to the Christmas tree and help out any lack of store trimmings can be made from such commonplace things as egg shells, peanuts, pine cones, squashes and colored paper.

Eggshell trinkets offer a variety of decorative possibilities. The shells can be salvaged from family baking days by running a darning needle through the shell at both ends and blowing out the contents. If necessary the holes can be enlarged so that a bright-colored string with a knot in the end can be run through the egg, so that it may be strung gaily on the tree.

Before stringing on the tree, shells may be colored all the hues of the rainbow, as at Easter time. Or designs in pencil on the shell may be made in the form of scrolls, leaves or figures. The designs may be filled in with colors, outlined with black crayons. Christmas seals pasted on white eggshells will be bright and shiny. Colored confetti dots can likewise be used on the eggs.

Peanut dolls to hang on the tree can be made by stringing suitable sizes together and tying the cord tightly to keep them in shape. They can be painted gold or silver or any other color that will liven the tree and give the little folks a part in the decorative scheme.

A half-dozen star Santas swinging from the tree will add interest. Make some five-pointed stars from heavy paper. Paste a Santa head onto the top point and design white mittens on the next two, draw a belt and it's done. Run a string through Santa's hat and tie to a branch.

Small green squashes painted with shellac or varnish so they will retain their freshness can be either tied to the tree or arranged around the base.

Pine cones tied with ribbons and perhaps a bell and painted white or silver for make-believe frost are perfect for suspending from the tree.



Potted Yule Trees Can Be Used for Several Years

The record of using the same Christmas tree for the last five holiday seasons is held by Mrs. H. R. Yount of Brunswick county in North Carolina.

Mrs. Yount planted a small cedar by her farm house and the first Christmas it was about 18 inches high. She placed it in a pot and used it as a table tree with appropriate decorations.

After the first Christmas, she replanted the small tree by the house, then dug it up again and placed it in a bucket on a table for its second holiday.

Again it was replanted and the third year it took its place on the floor with the children adding the necessary decorations. It was very carefully treated and again reset by the house. For the last two years it has been used as an outside Christmas tree to carry all the lights and decorations.

Mrs. Yount and the other members of the family have made special preparations for decorating the traditional Christmas tree again this year.



CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME

for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart

It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.

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has ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another; and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season of 1945.

One other thought: we want every one of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

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Unselfish interest in others is the keynote of happiness at Christmastime. May each gift you receive breathe love and devotion and bind the ties of home and friendship more securely.

As for ourselves, we desire to express our appreciation for your loyalty to us in 1945, and wish you a Merry Christmas.

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That best part of a good man's life— His little, nameless unremembered acts Of kindness and of love. —WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

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