## Cramped for tree space? Try this!

Every December, many of us struggle to find a suitable space in our homes for a full-size heavy-duty Christmas tree. There just never seems to be enough room.

Not to mention the challenge of getting a large evergreen home from the tree lot. Broken branches and falling needles can leave even patient tree owners cussing.

Well, maybe this year will be different. This "Spicy Tree" idea might just convince you, finally, that bigger is not always better!

Buy a small, potted evergreen tree about three to four feet tall.

Wrap the foot of the tree in burlap and decorate with sprigs of pine, grasses and bows.

Tie red and green ribbons to the top of your tree allowing different lengths of the ribbon to cascade down the length of the tree (curly ribbon can be used as well).

Hang small decorations, small picture frames with family pictures, lacey bows, cinnamon sticks tied with brightly coloured ribbons or lace, pine cones, tiny white lights, pink heather, small bunches of candied grapes, pine cones, food coloured cheesecloth bags of spices or any beads/trinkets you may have.

Set decorated tree on small table or shelf where everyone can see your beautiful creation ... and enjoy the wonderful smell too!



## PARADE HIGHLIGHT!

The Energizer Bunny made a surprise appearance at the Acton Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 19. While all other parade participants stopped marching at the Public Library, observers say 'Bunny' kept going, and going, and ... (Paul Nolan photo)



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