

## Cut Costs with Christmas Crafts

Don't worry about finding last year's Christmas decorations lying crumpled and lifeless in the bottom of a box. Instead of going out to fight the crowds of shoppers, you and your family can have fun making your own decorations from the kitchen stand-by . . . the green garbage bag.

The articles shown here are simple to make and certainly much less expensive than the store-bought variety.

Miniature Christmas trees, wreaths, table decorations or laurel ropes . . . the possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

### How to Make:

The basic unit for all the decorations is the single flowerlet. Cut a green "Glad" bag



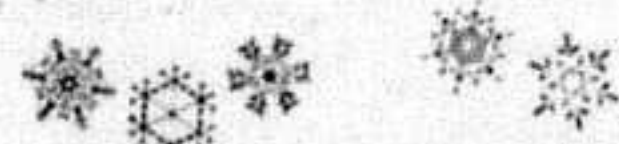
This Christmas tree will make a great centerpiece for the festive table.

into 4 inch squares with a pair of pinking shears. Place three or four layers of bag on top of each other. Pinch in the middle and twist, securing the pointed end with cellophane tape. The number of flowerlets needed depends on the decorations you have in mind. The wreath for your door would take, for instance, about two and a half green "Glad" bags. A circular styro-foam form can be purchased from any craft shop. With straight pins fasten the flowerlets on to the form overlapping them to hide the taped ends. You may wish to purchase some inexpensive red or silver balls or Christmas ribbon to add color or alternate colors of flowerlets by using white "Kitchen Catchers" or orange "Glad" garden

This Christmas wreath is made from garbage bag flowerlets and costs only pennies. The whole family can get into the Christmas spirit making these decorations.

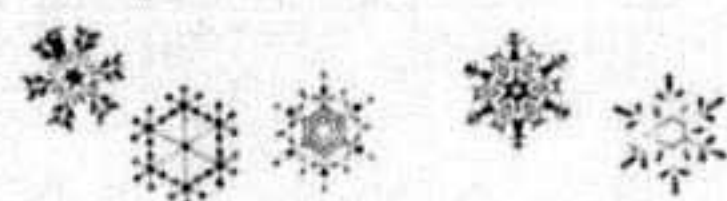
bags. Sew a piece of string to the centre top and hang it on your door or from window frames.

The same method applies to making the Christmas tree. The base of the tree is a styro-foam cone. Attach the flowerlets starting from the top and work towards the base. The addition of silver balls or ribbons gives the final festive touch.



You may wish to use clusters of flowerlets to make table centre pieces or to dress up the corners of a buffet table.

Laurel ropes to hang over doors or around window frames can be made by pinning flowerlets to strips of fabric.



As a word of caution do not use candles with your centre-pieces or use the decorations around open fireplaces.

The whole family can get into the act on making these decorations and because they are so inexpensive you needn't worry about how they get packed away.

## Have You Ever Seen a Galanty?

This was the old name for the shows put on at Christmas time by traveling entertainers, who projected shadow shows in pantomime, using silhouetted figures, by means of a magic lantern. The galanty shows were projected on a white sheet, or on the ceiling. But before long, magic lanterns became cheap and plentiful, so people had them in their homes, with an array of colored slides — and this became a popular home entertainment.

Now, many years later, and in spite of the attractions of television, the lineal descendants of those early magic lanterns continue to fascinate us. Who hasn't seen a series of color slides, usually the well-known "pictures of our trip," proudly shown by photographer friends?

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Greetings



May the joys of this Christmas season rekindle cherished memories, and fill your heart with great happiness.

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# Merry Christmas

Make it a fun-filled holiday! Fill it with an abundance of love, laughter and warm hearts everywhere.

Best wishes for a cheery, blessed season to all. Our special thanks.

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## 1752 Calendar Set Christmas Date on Dec. 25

We know that our calendar today is a relatively modern institution. But do we realize that in earliest times, Christmas was celebrated on January 18? It is still so celebrated by the Armenian church. Later on, the date became January 6 — and it was only in 1752, with the final change to the Gregorian calendar, that the rearrangement of dates placed Christmas Day on December 25.

Some church people in England were very indignant when this change took place — feeling that somehow they had been robbed of 11 days and the corresponding wages. Some of them tried to find out if the new date were correct by noting whether or not the tree called the Glastonbury Thorn (supposedly planted by Joseph of Arimathea) would flower on the new date or the old. Sometimes the tree bloomed on one day and sometimes on the other, however, depending on the weather — so that supporters of both dates managed to keep up the quarrel for some time.



It gives us great pleasure to greet you and to extend our warm, sincere thanks.

"Have a Happy New Year"

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