

# Experience a Country Christmas

## Spend some winter nights creating Victorian tree decorations

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Attach to the tree with wire.

### NOSTALGIC NOSEGAYS

small gold or white doily  
fabric rose  
12 inches of ribbon that matches the rose, 1/2-inch thick  
tape

Stick the stem of a fabric rose into the center of a small gold or white doily, pinch it so it gathers around the flower, then turn it over and secure tightly with tape. Tie a 12-inch length of 1/2-inch matching ribbon once around the tape and leave the ends as streamers. Use the stem to attach to the tree.

For a more romantic look, use a red heart-shaped doily. You also could use a larger doily and wire together bunches of dried flowers, like tea roses, baby's breath, heather and statice. For a seasonal touch, add some cinnamon sticks.

### VICTORIAN DOILY FANS

round doily  
small fabric or dried flowers  
glue  
wire

Cut a round doily in half. Accordion pleat the half doily into a fan and attach a cluster of small fabric or dried flowers to the front of it with glue.

### CORNUCOPIAS

white ribbon or gold doily  
ribbon  
dried flowers  
glue or staples  
ribbon roses, optional

Cut a quarter wedge out of a white or gold doily and wrap the rest around until you have a cone shape; glue or staple together.

If you wish, add a small bowl and some ribbon roses to the front; attach a ribbon loop for hanging. Fill with dried flowers.

For a more natural look, use handmade paper. Cut out a circle pattern 12 inches in diameter, then cut into four wedges, roll each into a cone. If you wish, stencil on some leaves or a design before forming the cone.

Take some children's party hats in bright colours, tie the elastic into a knot to shorten it and fill with the dried flowers or, as a small treat for children, popcorn or small (not too heavy) Christmas candies.

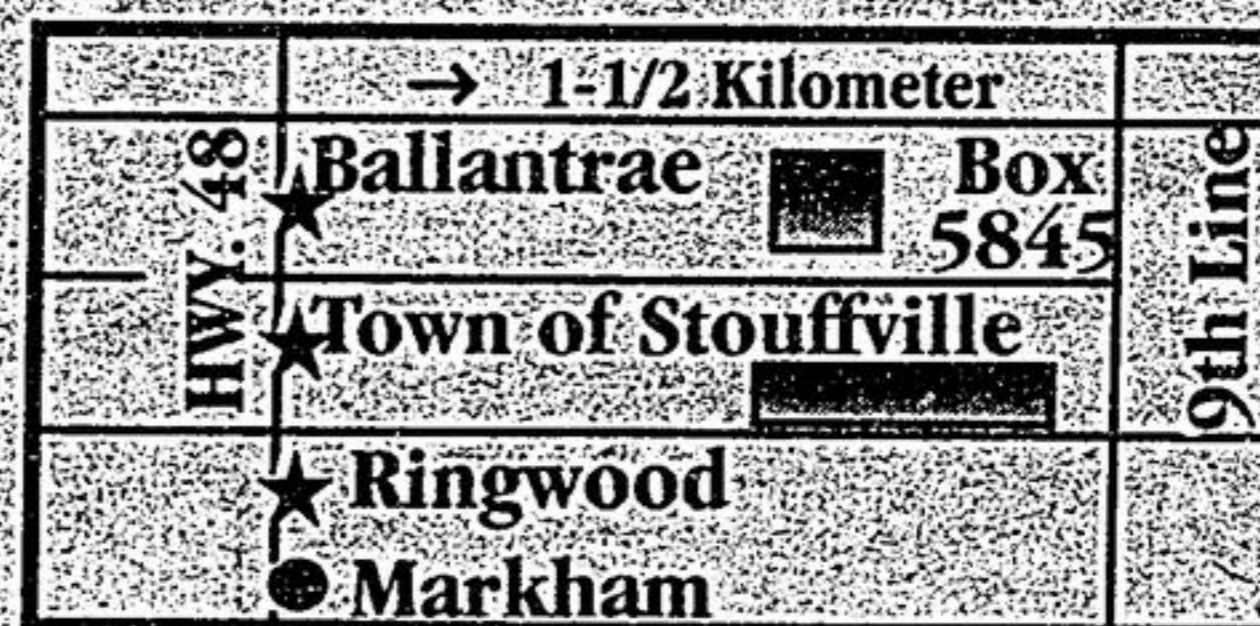
Hang on the tree by the elastic band; if the candy is too heavy, use a glue gun to attach a ribbon loop.



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