

EXPERIENCE COUNTRY

Christmas

DAYS REMAINING

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Decorate Christmas tree with nature-inspired, handmade ornaments

The Christmas tree is the focal point for holiday spirit in the home.

What makes a tree special is the time spent with family deciding on the perfect tree and then finally decorating it. Decorating a tree with loved ones can be a joyful experience that creates wonderful memories.

The beauty of decorating a Christmas tree is that there are no set rules to follow. You can be as creative as you like. Often, regular household items such as jewelled ornaments, miniature baskets, tiny candles, silk flowers, wooden cutouts, strands of ribbon, tree garlands and country calico ties add a personal touch to the tree.

The following ornaments, courtesy of Good Housekeeping: Christmas Joys (Hearts Books), are simple forms and natural objects that are easily dressed up with gold string, ribbon and paint.

GILDED ACORNS

- Materials:
- * acorns or purchased wooden acorns
 - * glue gun
 - * plaid mod podge
 - * paintbrush
 - * imitation gold leaf (Dutch metal)
 - * gold string

If using natural acorns, secure caps to nut with hot glue. Apply a thin coat of mod podge to the acorn with paintbrush. Apply small squares of imitation gold leaf to the acorn, gently pressing the edges down. When dry, wind a gold string around the acorn stem and secure with a drop of hot glue.

LEMON AND RIBBON ORNAMENT

- Materials:
- * velvet and satin ribbons
 - * dried lemon
 - * glue gun
 - * upholstery tacks (decorative furniture nails)
 - * scissors
- Make an overhand knot in ribbon for hanging a loop. Secure loop to top of lemon with dot of hot glue; continue wrapping ribbon around lemon. Cut ribbon at loop and secure with glue. Cut second strip of ribbon and glue around circumference of lemon. Anchor ribbon at intersections with upholstery tacks.



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