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Tip: History of the Christmas Tree

Even before Christianity began, trees that were evergreens were important to ancient cultures. People thousands of years ago hung displays of evergreen over doors and windows. It was often done by superstitious people to keep bad spirits, sickness, and witches away from the household. Romans and Celtic Druids also hung evergreens for various reasons. The Christmas tree as it is today was started in Germany in the 1500s. Most scholars credit Martin Luther, the Great Reformer, with adding lit candles to a Christmas tree. It is said that he was outside at night one night and saw the beauty of stars twinkling through the branches of trees as he looked toward the sky. The first Christmas tree in America most likely was put up by an immigrant from Germany. They did not become popular for a while, however. People in early America wanted nothing to do with what they considered Pagan traditions, especially when connected with something as holy as Christmas.

Category: Artificial Christmas Trees

Subcategory: Artificial Christmas Tree

Tip: Don't Let Your Artificial Tree Get Tippy!

Choosing an artificial Christmas tree is a task that you should put some thought into. Trees can get heavy and you'll want a tree that is fully supported and will not collapse.

You'll want to make a smart decision when it comes to the material of which the stand is composed. Is it made of plastic or metal? A plastic stand is likely to break a lot more easily than a metal one—especially under stress. Metal trees are strong, durable, and probably the smarter choice for a heavier tree.

Keep in mind that a fully lit tree will weigh a whole lot more (probably twice as much) as one without lights. Additionally, those decorations are going to pack on some extra weight. Think damage control—if children and/or pets will be around the tree you'll want to test it several times to make sure that it will not be tipped easily.

Tip: Get More for Your Money

If you want the most for your money when it comes to Christmas trees, find artificial

Christmas trees that are of the highest quality. Sure, you may not want to shell out that extra money at first but you'll be thanking yourself later. Investing in a premium tree is a really smart decision. There are some trees out there that will last 10-15 years or longer—imagine the money you'll save in the years to follow! Additionally, imagine the convenience of simply pulling your tree out of the attic every year instead of hiking through the woods to find a fresh one.

Artificial christmas tree storage is important. If you want to keep your tree looking nice, the method you use to store it will make a big difference. Don't even think about cramming that tree into its original box—that box will be way too small once you have shaped your tree. The best way to store your tree is in a Christmas tree storage bag, this will allow your tree to keep its shape through the months ahead. In addition, you'll want to protect your investment from things like bugs and dust so make sure you buy a durable storage bag that will keep the harmful elements out.

Subcategory: Artificial Christmas Trees

Tip: Fashion and the Fake Christmas Tree

Have you ever been shopping and spotted what you thought was the perfect piece of art, or a piece of furniture that would finally complete your interior look? The same thing happens to people with the artificial tree. Picture it: You're walking down the street, hands deep in your pockets, a light frost reveals your breath. A warm store decorated in rich, classy Christmas decorations beckons you within. Inside, the smell of scented nutmeg candles makes you smile. You blink once and then again. Suddenly you see them ... dozens of artificial Christmas trees in every shape and size. Each one is a sight to behold, but your eyes settle on "the one." You're positive it will be perfect for your living space and you buy it on the spot, no questions asked. Uh oh. Once home, the tree doesn't have the same allure. It's a beautiful tree, but you didn't take your space into consideration. The tree might be too big or too small. Maybe it overwhelms the room, or looks like a shell of its true self in your home. Unfortunately, that's oftentimes the reality of impulse shopping. The best way to avoid this kind of disappointment and hassle involved with returning the tree to the store, is to do a little pre-planning. Determine where you're going to place your artificial tree before shopping. Measure the height of the ceiling. Do you want your tree to reach for the sky, or would you prefer something a little shorter? Take into account your furniture, room for gifts, entertainment space around the tree, etc. Consider your home décor before buying a designer tree. You want your artificial Christmas tree choice to align with your tastes. Consider purchasing your artificial Christmas tree online for more variety.

Tip: Stow It & Don't Throw It

After the hustle and bustle of Christmas, it's tempting to stuff your fake Christmas tree into the attic or basement just to get it out of sight. However, it's important to take care

when putting your tree away for the season. You had many great reasons for buying that pristine, white Christmas tree, especially because it matches your home decor so well. If you bought your tree at LEDtrees.com, you wound up getting more for your money with two trees in one. Maybe the inclusion of a white LED unit and a colored LED unit was what convinced you to buy the white Christmas tree in the first place. Whatever your reasons, you want to make sure the tree will last for years to come by properly storing it. The trees from LEDtrees.com come with their own storage bag. Carefully disassemble the tree, gently folding down the branches, before storing it away for the year. Make sure all decorations have been removed and take care not to bend the branches at odd angles when storing it. Ensure that the tree is either standing or flat on a dry floor. Don't stack anything on top of the white Christmas tree.

Tip: The Return Of The Great White Christmas Tree

It's easy to understand why retailers are reluctant to accept an artificial Christmas tree return days after the season has come to end, especially if there are still traces of silver tinsel on it! There are a lot of places to buy artificial Christmas trees from designer home décor stores to hardware stores, or even online. Just like you'd do with any major purchase, make sure to check out the retailer's return policy before emptying your pockets. When you're shopping for an artificial Christmas tree online, the return or manufacturer warranty is usually easy to find. You might not see it on a button or a sidebar, but if you click on "About Us" or "Contact Us," you can usually find your way to the company's policies on returns. Considering the cost, mess and safety hazards of a cut tree, spending anywhere from a hundred to even a thousand dollars on an artificial Christmas tree makes good sense. Just make sure you're able to return it for a full refund if your new artificial Christmas tree arrives damaged in any way. As a consumer, it might be your responsibility to pay return freight and shipping charges, so make sure you're aware of these things before purchasing.

Subcategory: Artificial Pre-Lit Christmas Trees

Tip: Artificial Christmas Trees are Catching On

Artificial Christmas trees are a growing part of Christmas celebrations. In 2002, 21% of United States households had a real tree, 48% had an artificial tree and 32% had no tree.

Today, artificial Christmas trees come in a wide range of styles. Predecorated Christmas trees and prelit Christmas trees make your Christmas decoration quick and easy.

Subcategory: Christmas Tree Tips

Tip: Growing Christmas Trees

More than one million acres are planted in Christmas tree farms. Each year these farms cut and sell over 35 million real Christmas trees during Christmas celebrations. More than 2,000 trees are usually planted per acre. On average only 1,000-1,500 of these trees will survive. In the North about 750 trees will remain. Almost all trees require shearing to attain the Christmas tree shape. At six to seven feet, trees are ready for harvest. It takes six to ten years of fighting heavy rain, wind, hail and drought to get a mature tree.

Category: Buying a Christmas Tree

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Tip: Artificial Christmas Trees and Common Sense

The best time to buy an artificial Christmas tree is when the Christmas tree sales start up shortly after the holidays. But just because you've decided to go with an LED artificial tree, doesn't mean you're completely exempt from safety hazards. It's true that LED lights are much safer than traditional lights. For one thing, they don't get nearly as hot which means you don't have to worry about the drying effects related to a live tree. No need to water an artificial tree either! However, as safe as LED artificial trees are, it's still important to exercise some common sense over the holidays. Here are a few tips to keep you and your family safe: 1) A national authority on artificial Christmas trees reports that while artificial Christmas trees are safer than traditional trees in terms of fire hazards, they can still catch on fire. Look for an artificial tree that is "flame retardant" but remember, that simply means the tree won't immediately go up in flames if exposed to a hazard. The potential for fire is still there. 2) Watch that small children don't put artificial tree boughs in their mouths. Many artificial trees are made with PVC, which can disperse toxins. 3) Don't go out and leave the Christmas tree lights on. Better to be safe than sorry, even with LED lights. Purchasing a pre-lit LED artificial Christmas tree is one important step to your safety over the holidays. A little extra common sense is just part of the package.

Tip: LED Holiday Lighting ‐ From the Exception to the Norm

In many cases, advertisers are still referring to LED Christmas lights as the "new alternative" to traditional indoor/outdoor holiday lighting. As time goes by, consumers will probably see a shift and a time when LED holiday lights will be considered the norm, not the exception. This year, when pursuing the Christmas tree sales, make a mental note of the types of lighting options available. It's a little hard to compare traditional Christmas lighting (think strings of thick, chunky outdoor lights compared to the gentle glow of long-lasting LED lights), because you're going to pay more for LED lights no

matter what. However, there's more to the story than just dollars and cents. Your new set of LED lights are going to far outlast any traditional light bulbs so that even if you're spending a little more money, you're really saving in the long run. The other thing you're going to notice is the quality of the lights. You don't need a house so intensely lit with Christmas lights that it commands the attention of extra-terrestrials. What you need is a house that glows softly in the chilly nights of winter. Oh, and while your house is glowing, your light bill isn't growing. This season, before you buy a new artificial Christmas tree or Christmas tree lights, give some serious consideration to replacing your old lights with LED.

Tip: Pre-Christmas Tree Sale Preparation

It's time to head out to the big Christmas tree sale and you know exactly what you're looking for, what to ask for and where to go. Right? If not, here are a few things to take into consideration before leaving the house. 1) Do some research before the Christmas tree sale. You know the sale is coming eventually, so spend your time determining which stores sell the best quality trees. 2) Know what you want. These days, good quality artificial Christmas trees are made to look like your favorite forest pine, spruce or fir tree. Are you hankering for a full-sized pine tree look-a-like this year? Knowing what you're looking for will help narrow down your choices and save you time. 3) When looking at assembled artificial trees in the store, look beyond the fancy decorations. They could be covering up some serious tree quality issues. If you were to take all of the decorations off of that tree, would it look real? Could you see right through to the base of the tree? Is the tree color natural looking, or alien-green colored? 4) What's the price of the tree? Make sure the price of the tree is in line with the quality. You can get a good quality pre-lit artificial Christmas tree for under \$300, depending on the size of the tree. Post holiday shopping is hectic and exhausting, so why not arm yourself with knowledge before heading out to the big Christmas tree sale this year?

Category: Christmas Tree Types

Subcategory: Tips on Christmas Trees

Tip: Blue Spruce Christmas Trees

Are you searching for the perfect Christmas tree? A blue spruce is a gorgeous choice. These trees are often used for stuffing pine-pillows. The needles are 1 to 1 ½ inches long and bluish-gray in color. It is very attractive and has excellent needle retention.

One of the best attributes of these trees is that they have wonderful symmetrical shapes (this makes them look great from every angle). In addition, the branches are stiff and sturdy making them excellent for supporting ornaments. They may not be the best

choice of tree to have around children, however, as they are quite prickly.

*If you allow your blue spruce to dry out, EVERY needle will fall on the floor.

Tip: Pick a Winner

When looking through those intimidating large rows of pine trees and assorted spruces, it can be hard to find the perfect one. When faced with so many choices many people are too busy trying to find something better that they miss out on great trees. And, second guess becomes almost second nature.

Here are some things to keep in mind that will keep you on the right track to finding a fantastic tree: Look for a tree that is a good height and will fit into the space that you have available for it—and keep in mind that the stand will add at least 6 inches. Next, take symmetry into consideration; is the tree even all the way around? You don't want to end up with a lopsided tree. Check for an even, straight trunk, and make sure that dead needles are at a minimum (the needles should be springy, not brittle). Finally, make sure that the trunk is long enough to be crammed into your stand.

Now, you're well on your way to a perfect tree.

Tip: Transport and Store Your Tree Carefully

Be sure that you care for that beautiful fir tree, even before you get it into your home. Try to keep the tree covered with some type of tarp while you're transporting it (especially if it's strapped to the top of your vehicle) or it may dry out. You may want to ask the grower or the person who runs the lot if they can provide you with a plastic bag for the tree, many of them provide this type of thing.

If you plan on leaving the tree outside for several days before being lugging it into the house, keep it out of extreme heat or cold and keep it away from the wind. It's a good idea to place it under or behind something—but don't squish it. Additionally, if you plan on storing your tree for a few days, it's smart to put the trunk in water to keep it from drying out.

Category: Christmas Decorations

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Tip: Christmas Collectibles

These days, there are collectibles for everyone and every occasion. For some people, the Christmas tree is the perfect place to display years of accumulated ornamental decorations. Maybe it started with a “First Year Married” Christmas tree decoration and progressed into a “Baby's First Christmas” ornament, and so on. They make great gifts and perfect keepsakes. Not sure where to start? It can be overwhelming considering the number of keepsake Christmas tree decorations on the market. You'll find everything from special event pieces (Mommy-To-Be, for example), cartoon themes, angels, religious decorations, and ornaments made from any number of materials including specialty glass, pewter, sterling silver, and handmade wooden Christmas tree decorations. The options are endless. If you know what your friends and family collect, you can consider your Christmas shopping list practically done. All you need to do is pick up their favorite Christmas tree decoration collectible and they'll be thrilled. If they don't collect any Xmas tree decorations, this is the year to get them started! Take into account whether the recipient has any children (glass ornaments are probably not a good idea), if their decorating tastes lean more to the country cabin style (think wooden, hand-made or hand-painted ornaments) or if they go for glamour and glitter (think shiny stars). Whatever you choose, they're sure to love it.

Tip: Christmas Decorating with Tunes

When it comes time to pull out the Christmas tree and all of the Christmas tree decorations, do it on a day when you've got lots of time. Spending some quiet time decorating the house can be enjoyable, as long as you're not rushed. If you're lucky enough to catch some time alone in the house for a while, pull out the wreath, the fiber optic garland and all of your Christmas tree decorations and get to work. If you're lucky enough to have a pre lit Christmas tree, you won't have to spend as much time decorating it. They're beautiful on their own or with minimal decorations. Take some time to find just the right spot for your fiber optic garland and wreath. The spirit of the season tends to take hold after a respite from the manic shopping sprees, baking marathons and party overload. So, take it easy, and spend some alone time, just you and the Christmas tree decorations.

Tip: Christmas Tree Decorating Without the Hassle

This Christmas, forgot about stringing all of those lights around your tree. Even the indoor lights that enable you to just drape them over your tree are a nuisance. An LED Christmas tree can't turn your holidays into a completely stress-free event (you still have family to contend with), but they can definitely make Christmas tree decorating and setup a whole lot easier. You might even look forward to setting up the Christmas tree once you've got an LED or fiber optic tree to display. You can find LED artificial Christmas trees at LEDtrees.com. With their trees, all you do is take the tree out of the box and plug it in. Done. Tired of all those colored lights night after night? These trees come with the option of color or clear lights so it's like you're getting two trees in one. Place a few of your favorite collectible Christmas ornaments on the tree and you're

finished. Think of the time and aggravation saved. The best part is, you can repeat the process again next year and the year after next.

Tip: The First Christmas

Remember how tight money was when you were first married? It's hard enough getting started with your first apartment and everything else that comes with being on your own for the first time. Think back to last year. Was there anything extra in your Christmas tree decorations that you could stand to get rid of? Are you overloaded with Christmas tree decorations you no longer use? If so, consider creating a package for that college student in your life or the newly-married neighbors. Grab a wreath, some garland, Christmas bulbs, tinsel, maybe even a few mini LED Xmas trees and tie it all up with a ribbon. Recycling your old, but still in good condition, decorations by giving them to friends and family is a great way to help someone out.

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Tip: Artificial Christmas Tree Shopping

Most people only have a problem with artificial trees because they've only seen pre-lit trees with wires that are visible even after decorating. These days, you can buy good quality trees that look real. No need to stuff decorations into spaces or "holes" in the artificial tree anymore! To gauge the quality of the artificial tree, make sure there are no visible wires dangling anywhere. How full does the tree look? Can you see right through the branches to the middle pole? Also take a look at the color of the branches. Do they look natural or do they look like something that would never grow in the great outdoors? The perfect way to avoid unsightly wires is to purchase a pre-lit fiber optic Christmas tree. They're full, easy to assemble, and require no special bulb replacements. The only thing you have to do is set it up and plug it in. When shopping for artificial Christmas decorations, especially fiber optic ones like garland, wreaths or Christmas trees, make sure you're paying for quality. Before buying something in a box, have a look at the same item on full display and don't be afraid to scrutinize. If the tree has so many decorations that you can't see the boughs, it might have to do with the poor quality of the tree. A good quality tree will have full boughs, will be easy to assemble, and will come with extras, like a storage bag.

Tip: Christmas Decorations for Tight Spaces

Apartment living has its benefits, but space isn't usually one of them. People spend money on interior designers and seek advice from experts on how to make their apartments appear larger than they actually are. When Christmas rolls around, finding a

spot for a full-sized Christmas tree can be tricky. Decorating a small apartment with typical Christmas decorations like a wreath, garland, candles, etc., is relatively easy, but where are you going to move your furniture to accommodate that full-sized Christmas tree? Because of fire hazards inherent with live Christmas trees, apartment owners and landlords may discourage their use. Your best bet would be to buy a pre-lit artificial Christmas tree. If you shop around, you can find Christmas trees to accommodate just about any need. These days, artificial trees come in a variety of shapes and sizes, including slimmed down versions designed to fit into tight corners and spaces. If a full-sized tree isn't your top priority, you could also consider purchasing a table-top tree or a half-sized version. A four foot artificial tree might be the perfect solution to your space restrictions. This year, enjoy your pre-lit wreaths, garland and specialty-size artificial Christmas tree without sacrificing furniture or space.

Tip: Fiber Optic Christmas Simplicity

There are ways to simplify your the Christmas season. Keep decorations minimal and don't worry about having the best decorated home in the neighborhood. A few simple strands of garland here and there, along with a few classic Christmas decorations are all you need. Unless you're actually in it for a huge cash prize, you're only making yourself work harder than you have to. Forget lugging a live tree through your home this year. You're only going to have to spend the next several months cleaning up pine needles that mysteriously show up everywhere in your home. Save yourself a ton of trouble by purchasing a full-size fiber optic artificial Christmas tree. They give off a beautiful glow, can be purchased with two LED units (one color and one clear), and really don't need any decorations at all. They are pretty enough on their own! Imagine, just set it up and plug it in. No hassle with messy and sticky pine needles, no aggravation with electrical wires and no need to hang Christmas decorations on the tree.

Category: Christmas Tree Farms

Subcategory: Christmas Tree Farm

Tip: Prepare Yourself for a Day on the Farm

Christmas tree farms are great places to pick up that perfect tree but, if you're headed out to one, be prepared. Tree shopping and chopping on the farms is dirty business so dress appropriately in clothes that you don't mind ruining. Additionally, wear shoes that are comfortable as you might have a hike ahead of you.

If the weather looks ominous, pack toss a slicker and some waterproof boots in your vehicle. And, those in charge of cutting down the tree and loading it should bring thick

gloves.

*Christmas tree farms will usually allow your dogs but, unless he is an angel, leave Fido at home. And, if you do feel the need to bring him, don't let him run astray or mark any trees.

Category: Christmas Tree Sizes

Subcategory: Christmas Tree Sizes

Tip: 4 Foot Christmas Trees

A 4 foot Christmas tree is the perfect size for many homes that want to add a little holiday flair to a room. You can easily set a 4 foot tree on a table without taking up excess width space. 4 foot trees are approximately 29 inches wide. 4 foot trees can be found in pre-lit form, fiber optic and plain. You can often purchase them in green or white, with or without lights. You can purchase trees this size online or in retail stores for a little more than \$100 if white pre-lit or fiber optic is your choice or between \$50 and less than \$100 for fiber optic or pre-lit trees.

Tip: 5 Foot Christmas Trees

People in smaller homes and living spaces tend to purchase 5 foot artificial Christmas trees because of their compact size. One way to make the tree stand out in the room is to set it on a coffee table or end table. LEDTrees.com have 5 foot Christmas trees that are white, green, fiber optic and unlit. Many Christmas trees that are this size also come pre-lit for your convenience. If you're worried about price, a 5 foot Christmas tree may be your best bet! Prices range from as low as \$50 for a plain green tree to approximately \$160 for a fiber optic Christmas tree. To get the most tree for your money, you should consider purchasing a 5 foot Christmas tree that comes with LED lights, which will last up to 10 years and save you money on your electric bill!

Tip: 6 Foot Christmas Trees

If you have a smaller room, but still want to decorate it with a beautiful Christmas tree, a 6 foot Christmas tree works very well. 6 foot artificial Christmas trees are also popular with families in smaller homes, townhouses and apartments. If you are looking for a 6 foot tree, but with less full width, purchase a slim tree that fits nicely into a corner or near a wall. Remember if you pick a narrow tree, it won't have the full look that natural trees do, so if having a very natural-looking tree is important to you, you may wish to purchase a full width one. You will also have your choice of a pre-lit, fiber optic or plain tree in this size along with your choice of light colors.

Tip: Decorating Your Tree to Fit Your Home

Many people do not realize that a tree should be decorated according to its size. You don't want to overload a small tree with tons of large ornaments. When decorating your Christmas tree, keep these ideas in mind.

If you have a 4 to 5 foot tree, put between 200 and 500 small lights around it. Stick with smaller lights as big bulbs tend to overwhelm small trees. If your tree is about 6 feet tall, you should consider placing about 600 lights around the tree. If the tree is around 7 feet, a good rule of thumb is to put about 700 mini lights on it and a tree that is between 8 and 9 feet should have about 1,000 lights in miniature form.

If you want to put garland around your pre-lit tree or your plain artificial tree, there are some general size rules to follow. If the tree is between 4 and 5 feet, you will need about 50 feet of garland to wrap around it. If the tree is between 6 and 7 feet, add 70 to 80 feet of garland and if you have an 8 foot Christmas tree, you should wrap about 130 feet of garland around the tree. When it comes to ornaments, don't decorate your small tree with many big ornaments. With larger trees, you may need a balance of both large and small ornaments spread evenly throughout the tree.

Tip: Different Tree Sizes for Different Rooms?

As you go about your Christmas decorating this season look around each room you have in your home. Would it be possible to add a different size Christmas tree in each room as decoration? If you are considering putting a different Christmas tree, whether pre-lit or fiber optic, in several rooms of your home, there are some things to consider. If you have a very small room and you want to add a decorative Christmas tree, make sure the size fits the room. You don't want to put up a 7 foot Christmas tree in a small half bathroom. You could easily put a 2 or 3 foot tree in a small half bath, but anything larger will take over the entire room. Is your family room very large with tall ceilings? Then you would most likely want a taller tree, such as a 9 foot ceiling. You want your Christmas tree that sits in a large, open room to be bigger so it doesn't look minute in a large space. Do you have a dining room? Dining rooms are neat rooms to add a Christmas tree in. Many people have very formal dining rooms and want to dress up that room with a classy-looking Christmas tree. One way to do this is to place a slim tree with classic decorations and elegant ribbon throughout the tree. A slim tree won't take up much space and really has a classic look.

Tip: Which Size Tree is Right For You?

People often see the many choices in tree sizes and feel overwhelmed about what size of tree is right for them. There are some important things to think about when deciding on the perfect tree size. How tall are your ceilings? You will want to give yourself at

least one foot of space between the ceiling and the tree top, if not more. Are you planning on putting a tree topper on top of your tree? If so, you will want even more space between the top of your tree and the ceiling. Think about how much space you have near your floor. If you have lots of furniture, you don't want to have to put a wide tree into a cramped area. Consider going with a smaller tree with less width or get a tall, slim tree that fits your ceiling height, but will take up less space width-wise. If space isn't available and you must put that tree in a corner somewhere, you can always look into purchasing a half-tree. This tree would have the back part of the tree missing, but looks like a complete tree from the front. When you set it in a corner, no one can even tell you have a half tree and it takes up a lot less space than a regular full tree would. If you are worried about money, you really need to look at each tree and their size. Remember that with most fiber optic trees you get two color units, which means you can easily change the entire appearance of your tree. Fiber optic trees may be a bit more expensive than other trees, but you are getting more for your money because of the ability to change the light color. However, if you absolutely want to save money, you can buy a plain tree that has no lighting on it whatsoever. You can add your own lights, but to save money that way, use only LED lights. Taller trees are going to cost you more than smaller trees but there are always ways to make shorter trees appear taller. Buying an artificial Christmas tree shouldn't be a decision you go into at the spur-of-the-moment. Do your research and study your home and your needs before making that final choice to bring one home.

Category: Christmas Tree Skirts

Subcategory: Christmas Tree Skirt

Tip: Give a Heartfelt, Homemade Gift

Providing someone with a great Christmas gift shouldn't have to break the bank! News flash: Homemade, economical gifts can be seen as very thoughtful and heartfelt. Why not make someone a gift that they can reuse year after year. Want a great idea? Why not try a crochet Christmas tree skirt? Before you get started put some thought into the type of person that you're creating the skirt for. Here are some questions to think about to help you better assess the type of skirt you should crochet: Do they have a Christmas decorating theme you should adhere to? Do they like goofy patterns or would a plain color better suit them? How large of a tree do they typically have?

You want that thing to be big enough. Once you have an idea of what you want to do, print out a free pattern online. Here is a fantastic website that offers a large selection of free skirt patterns: http://www.crochetpatterncentral.com/directory/tree_skirts.php

Tip: Sew What?!

Let's face it, Christmas can get expensive. Between buying gifts, a nice tree, and decorations, most people don't really feel like splurging on things like Christmas tree skirts. Before you go off on a tangent about how you're not the sewing type, relax—I'm not asking you to learn how to sew a Christmas tree skirt!

The truth is that you don't need to be Holly Homemaker or anything close to it to pull off a great-looking skirt without picking up a needle and thread or spending a fortune. Want a tip? You really don't need a perfectly crafted Christmas skirt. In fact, you don't need a "skirt" at all. Use an old blanket that you have around the house or pick up an inexpensive blanket that matches your decorating color scheme. Then, wrap the blanket around the base of your tree. You'll save time and money and no one will ever know the difference.

Category: Christmas Trees

Subcategory: Christmas Tree Decorations

Tip: Drape Your tree with Gorgeous Rose Accents

Half the fun of Christmas is decorating, want to make a beautiful accent to drape over your Christmas tree? How about some gorgeous silky roses cascading across that tree?

Here are some simple instructions that will enable you to create your own rose accents:

You will need: Wax paper Clothespins Spray paint (color of your choice) Silk roses (same color as spray paint) Hot glue gun and glue sticks 5/8-inch-wide ribbon in coordinating color Scissors
Cover clean, flat surface with wax paper and place clothespins on it. Apply a light coat of spray paint to the clothespins and let dry. Apply a second coat, let dry, then flip over and repeat on other side. Position clothespins hinge side up and hot glue roses to the hinges. Starting at the top of the tree, clip a rose onto a branch. Then, place the end of the ribbon in the pin. Drape the ribbon and apply a second rose pin. Continue this process until you have covered the tree with rose and ribbon accents. Then, cut off the remaining ribbon with the scissors.

Tip: Make Gilded Apples

It's a popular idea that the first Christmas tree was decorated with apples. To embrace this idea, why not accent your tree with gorgeous, gilded apples?

To begin, decorate the tree in a way that will bring out the apples; use a gold and red theme and only use subtle decoration.

Next, create your apples:

You will need: Wax paper Aluminum roasting pan Water Metallic gold spray paint Red plastic-coated Styrofoam apples with stems 1/4 yard of coiled gold cording Scissors
Cover a clean, flat workspace with wax paper. Fill the aluminum pan with water and set it down away from the wax paper. Spray some paint onto the water's surface. Roll the surface of each apple on the paint until covered—the paint should adhere to the apples in a spotty pattern (add more paint to the water as needed). Set apples on wax paper to dry. Create loops from the gold cording, attach to the apples stems, and hang apples from the tree.

Category: Decorated Christmas Trees

Subcategory: Decorated Christmas Tree

Tip: Get Your Decorating on Track

Want a beautifully decorated tree but don't know where to start? Gorgeously decorated trees can be hard to put together so it's best to come up with a game plan. It's a good idea to thumb through holiday magazines and look for pictures of trees that you like. Once you have ripped out a bunch of pages, spread them out, look for a common theme, and try to mimic it.

If all of the pictures are different, pick the one you like the best and try to achieve that look. Another great idea is to come up with your own theme. Color pairs always make great themes (think red and green, ivory and gold, mauve and silver, or navy and white). Pick a pair of colors and only buy ornaments and accents that are those colors. If you don't want to go with colors, go with something simple like a star or floral theme. Get creative and have fun!

Category: Fiber Optic Christmas Trees

Subcategory: Artificial Fiber Optic Christmas Tree

Tip: Stick to Your Theme

Artificial fiber optic trees look beautiful to begin with but you can add even more to them

by implementing repetition as a design tool. This will help to establish the overall design and can contribute to your tree's theme. To achieve this, use different shapes in the same color or repeat the same texture using different colors.

The key is to maintaining a theme is to establish a basic motif and adhere to it; outdoors and nature, flirty and romantic, folky and homemade, Desert and Southwest, antique glass and heirlooms, nostalgic and family, etc.

Subcategory: Fiber Optic Christmas Trees

Tip: Are Fiber Optic Trees Safe?

Fiber optic trees are actually very safe. Many fiber optic Christmas trees are no longer made with halogen bulbs, instead they are made with LED lights. Another plus to fiber optic trees? There is no motor in the base, so you don't have to worry about the motor running and overheating in a tree such as this. Plus, without a motor, you won't have that annoying noise that a motor brings. Since there is no heat generated in a fiber optic tree, you can feel safe and secure putting one up in your home this holiday season.

Tip: Setting Up a Fiber Optic Tree

What is one of the best things about having a fiber optic tree? The easy set-up, of course! You won't need to lug in a heavy tree that you have to force into a Christmas tree base. A fiber optic tree can be set up in minutes. Simply remove the tree from the handy storage bag, place the tree in the base (no individual branches to insert), flip up the branches and you're done. No fighting with your spouse about stringing up lights! When Christmas is over, remove the tree from the base, fold the branches down and place it in the storage bag with the base and light unit and put it away. It really can't get much easier than that!

Tip: What if a Light Burns Out?

We hear all the benefits of a fiber optic tree, but what happens if a light burns out on your fiber optic Christmas tree? Since fiber optic lights aren't like traditional lights where you can replace one bulb when it burns out, what do you do if the lights aren't working? The answer is easy. If the lights on your fiber optic Christmas tree are no longer working; it means the light unit probably needs replacing. You can purchase the light units at the store you bought the tree or do an online search for that specific type of light unit. Many other units just allow you to simply replace the bulb, whether it is a multi-colored bulb unit or a white bulb. Pretty easy, right?

Tip: What is a Fiber Optic Christmas Tree?

A fiber optic Christmas tree is a fairly new type of tree and is growing in popularity!

These cool trees look like your average tree until you plug it in. Your tree will brighten with fiber optic rays of light cascading from the branches of the tree, watch as the colors change throughout the tree and enjoy the magic that is a fiber optic tree. While not a traditional pre-lit Christmas tree, with a fiber optic tree you won't have lights in cases throughout the tree, instead you will notice that just the tips of the branches have small, fiber optic lights on them. You simply plug the fiber optic tree into an AC outlet and your tree is lit! Your fiber optic tree will twinkle and sparkle for hours on end. Often times a fiber optic Christmas tree is referred to as a designer tree because of the classy way it looks with the thousands of tiny lights that twinkle throughout.

Tip: White Fiber Optic Trees

Are you the type of person who likes to think outside the box? Is a regular green Christmas tree boring to you? Are you looking for something a bit different? How about a white fiber optic Christmas tree this Christmas? Something different is always fun, especially at Christmas. White fiber optic trees come in several different sizes and can have either color or white lights. White fiber optic trees are also a bit cheaper than green fiber optic trees, so if you are looking to save money this Christmas on your tree, you may want to consider a white fiber optic tree. A fiber optic white tree will add a wintry touch to your room this holiday season with an all white tree it is sure to look like the tree is covered with new fallen snow. If you dare to be different this Christmas, try a white fiber optic tree! An Internet search for "white fiber optic Christmas tree" will bring up thousands of search results if you are stumped on where to find these cool trees.

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Tip: Go Ahead and Put That Artificial LED Fiber Optic Tree Outside!

An artificial LED fiber optic tree will look great in your home but it will look even better as an exterior decoration. If you really want to make your outdoor Christmas decorations stand out from the rest of the yards on the block, put your dazzling investment smack dab in your front lawn. These beauties are very durable, are not in danger of bursting into flames, and look phenomenal.

If you are going to put your tree on the lawn, you may want to take into consideration the durability of any additional decorations you add. Make sure you add accents that are weatherproof. In other words, don't drape silk ribbons that may tear or bleed over the tree and don't cover it with breakable glass ornaments that might blow off in the wind and shatter.

Tip: Make Your Own Christmas Wonderland

Once you've set up your LED fiber optic Christmas trees, you'll see that they need little decorating. This will leave you more time to focus on decorating the rest of your home. Want some ideas? Christmas is a magical time so why not make a temporary extreme change to your living room? Ever wish you had a beautiful Christmas wonderland in your own home? You can! Remove all of your normal décor (paintings, vases, plants, etc.) and store them in a safe place. Next, string up garland, hang stockings, line the falls with festive Christmas pictures (even if they're merely magazine cut-outs).

*If you want an even more dramatic effect, transform your furniture as well. Buy some festive holiday slipcovers or make some yourself and cover your ordinary furniture.

Tip: The Skinny on Fiber Optic Trees

LED artificial fiber optic trees are exciting products that have fiber optics built right in. These beautiful trees transmit light through hundreds of tiny fibers and emit it along each branch. These trees can light up a room by creating dazzling light displays. In addition, they use very little electricity to do so. Fiber-optic trees do not give off heat, only light, which makes them extremely safe for any home.

As if a fiber optic tree isn't great enough, a LED fiber optic tree is even better. LED lights have a life span of around 200,000 hours, that's guaranteed to get you at least 20 years of life out of your dazzling new purchase.

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Tip: Get with the LED Program

While some may argue that artificial Christmas trees look too plastic or fake, a recorded 70% of American Christmas tree consumers have purchased one. Having an artificial Christmas tree makes things a lot more convenient. For one, they're a one-time purchase—no heading out to buy a new one every year.

In addition, there's no upkeep; you won't have to crawl around picking up pesky needles or water that thing everyday. If you really want to sweeten the artificial Christmas tree pot, look into LED artificial trees. With one of these practical trees you can throw away those tangled wads of twinkling lights and forget about ever-changing bulbs. LED trees

are covered with beautiful tiny lights that will light up Christmas after Christmas without fail. This is a smart investment.

Tip: The Gift that Keeps on Giving...for 200,000 hours

What's so great about LED Christmas trees? Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) are made from tiny chips that are very similar to the ones used in computers. The chips convert electricity into light without using filaments or bulbs. Instead, the versatile chips are enclosed in plastic that can be molded into countless sizes and shapes.

In addition, LEDs can last 200,000 hours—I think that about covers the rest of your Christmases. Imagine never having to change pesky bulbs on tangles strings of lights again! LEDs are so reliable that they are taking the place of light bulbs in a variety of applications that are a standard in all of our everyday lives. Just a few of these applications include: Traffic lights Brake lights Emergency exit signs

Category: LED Pre Lit Christmas Trees

Subcategory: LED Artificial Pre Lit Christmas Tree

Tip: Deck the Halls...and the Foyer with a Second Tree

If you're the decorating type you're going to want to do add a little more holiday pizzazz to your home then simply setting up a giant fir in the family room. Since the foyer or entryway to your home is the first thing that guests will see when they enter your home, this is a great place to start. Why not place an additional Christmas tree in this area? For convenience sake, look into LED pre lit artificial Christmas trees, they're simple to assemble and need only be plugged in—no stringing lights.

*If you want a tasteful, elegant decorating theme, opt for the LED pre lit tree with white lights. Then, decorate the tree using gold and ivory balls. Finally, tie small ivory bows to the branches and top the whole thing off with a gold star. This beautiful understated tree is sure to lure in the compliments.

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Tip: Double Check Your PreLit Christmas Tree Bulbs

Just like with any purchase you make, you'll want to ensure your prelit Christmas tree arrives in good condition. It's very important to check the tree for damage, especially the lights. Check the lights for any noticeable cracks in them. If there is breakage or cracking, this could pose a fire hazard. Also, make sure the lights are properly secured into the socket they are in. Bottom line: Take note of loose or broken parts. Not only are they a fire hazard, but they could pose a choking risk to small children. Even if you have a prelit Christmas tree for years, it's best to give it a look each season to ensure there are no damaged parts. This will make for a happy and safe holiday season!

Tip: Safety First with Pre-Lit Trees

We all remember the artificial trees that looked, well, artificial. These days, you can get a pre-lit Christmas tree that looks realistic and is also safe. Pre-lit trees are typically made from flame-resistant material, so they shouldn't catch on fire. You can even purchase pre-lit trees made with lights that won't emit heat. Most artificial pre-lit Christmas tree needles are made from PVC so they won't fade or be easily crushed. A pre-lit tree most likely will be made with a polyvinyl. You can choose from several shades of green or even colors such as pink, purple, white or red. The pole in the middle of the tree is typically made of metal to make for a sturdy tree.

Tip: What if a Light Burns Out?

Remember the good old days when one bulb on a strand of Christmas lights burned out? The entire strand would no longer work until you found the one light that was burnt out and replaced it. With today's pre-lit Christmas trees, you won't have to worry about this problem. Pre-lit trees from LEDTrees.com have replacement bulbs so if a light does burn out, you can simply replace one bulb, not an entire strand of lights. If you don't have a pre-lit tree, consider it just for the convenience. You will never have to worry about the un-ending search to find one light on a strand. How great is that?

Category: Small Christmas Trees

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Tip: How to Store that Small Christmas Tree

Many people store their small Christmas tree in a box in the garage or the attic. Unfortunately, a cardboard box can attract unwanted visitors that may burrow inside. Dust can also get inside the boxes, no matter how tightly taped. The best way to store that mini tree is to keep it in a storage bag that fits snugly and securely around your tree. You don't want a storage bag made from something that is going to rip easily, so don't stuff your small Christmas tree into a garbage bag. You should use a storage bag that is made of a durable material. LEDTrees.com offers a free storage bag for all of

their trees, even the small ones. Not only will packing your small tree in a storage bag help it last longer, but it will also take up less space.

Tip: The Benefits of a Mini Christmas Tree

Although most of us are used to a regular-sized Christmas tree, some people can make better use of a mini Christmas tree (think tiny studio apartment dwellers). Here are some great benefits to a mini Christmas tree: Mini Christmas trees typically range in sizes from one to three feet. Mini trees can be pre-lit or you can add your own lighting if you wish. They can have LED lights, which means your little tree is safe from heat. Mini Christmas trees can have multi-colored lights or clear or white lights throughout. You can decorate your mini Christmas tree just like you would a standard size tree. Most types of mini Christmas trees can be used either inside or outside!