

Plants in our Holiday Traditions: Activities

Conifer Door Decoration

Objective:

To create a decoration for the door.

To identify 4 different types of conifers.

Materials (per person):

Sprigs (6 – 8" long) of the following conifers:

- Pine
- Spruce
- Fir
- Cedar

Red ribbon (1 – 2 ft)

Small elastic band

Instruction:

- Each person should have at least 4 sprigs (one of each or of the same depending on availability)
- Bunch them together and use the elastic band to keep them together at the twig end.
- Tie the ribbon around the elastic band. You will use the ribbon to create a loop to hang the decoration.
- Adding a bow and sprinkling with cinnamon are options.

Pomander

Objective:

To create a decoration from an orange and whole cloves

Materials (per pomander):

Orange

Whole cloves – quarter cup

Green or red ribbon (about 1 – 2 ft)

Instructions:

- Your design can either be free form (eg lines around or down) or you can draw something on your orange.
- Press the pointy side of the clove, one at a time, into the orange.
- Enjoy the smell!
- Now tie the ribbon around the orange – like you would a parcel. You should have four lines.
- Hang it up to dry. If you can't hang it up make sit it on a glass or cup so that air can flow around it to help dry it out.