

# Citrus Spiced Pomanders



Pomanders were a common decoration during the Victorian era. Not only were they decorative but they helped hide unpleasant odors. Some said they are good luck! They became popular once again in 19th century America due to the greater availability of citrus fruit. Pomanders can be hung on the tree or displayed in decorative bowls on the table.

## What you will need:

Citrus Fruit

Whole Cloves

Toothpicks or skewers

Decorative straight pins

Ribbon

Citrus peeler (optional)

## Instructions:

First, fasten your ribbon to the fruit. You can fasten it by cross-cross tying it like a present and tying a bow at the top or use the straight pins to attach the ribbon and tying a bow at the top.

Next, using a toothpick or skewer create your design by poking holes in the skin of the fruit. Make sure that your holes are at least 1/4" apart or the skin may tear. Then, place the cloves in the marked holes. You may want to work a few holes at a time as sometimes the holes blend into the skin and are hard to see.

Optional: Instead of using a skewer try using a citrus peeler to make straight lines or spirals and place the cloves along the lines.

# Popcorn and Cranberry Garland



Around Christmas Victorians would use popcorn to adorn their mantlepieces and doorways or hang on trees. Popcorn has been used as a winter decoration in America as early as 1842. It was strung and made into garlands combined with nuts, fruits or other treats. Sometimes the popcorn was even colored using natural food dyes. Cranberries became popular additions to popcorn garlands because of their long shelf life and their cheery bright color adding brightness to the holiday season.

## What you will need:

Wax covered dental floss or fishing line

Tapestry needle

Popped popcorn (day old works best)

Cranberries

## Instructions:

Thread the tapestry needle with the dental floss or fishing line. Push the needle carefully through the middle of the popcorn kernel. Alternate popcorn with cranberries in whatever pattern you wish. Make sure you wear old clothes and cover your work surface as the cranberry juice will stain.



## Paper Chain Garland

Another popular garland used on the Victorian tree are paper garlands. Use strips of decorative paper with the same pattern on both sides and glue the ends together to make a loop. Continue to attach loops until the garland is the length you wish. Today glue sticks are a quick and easy way to complete these festive strands!