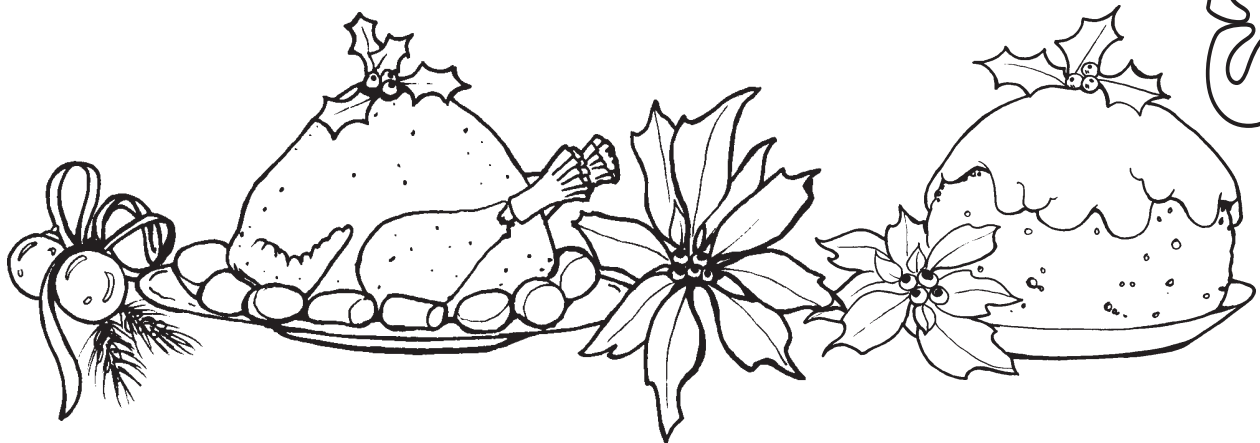


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A World Wide Christmas

Go to www.algonet.se/~bernadot/christmas/calendar.html

Find out how children around the world celebrate Christmas by clicking on the Christmas trees at the web site. Give some brief information about each one of the trees below.

Tree 1

Country
.....

Tree 12

Country
.....

Tree 17

Country
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Tree 3

Country
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Tree 17

Country
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Tree 12

Country
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Tree 15

Country
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Irish Christmas Crafts

- ☐ In Ireland, it is traditional to put a candle in the window at Christmas. Turnips are large enough and heavy enough to make an inexpensive candle holder and so turnip candle holders became part of Irish Christmas tradition.

Turnip Candle Holder

Materials

turnip
knife
candle
small plate or lid
holly, tinsel
ribbon

To make the turnip candle holder

1. Cut the top and bottom of the turnip.
2. Cut a hole in the top of the turnip big enough to hold the candle. You can form a star pattern or a round hole. Make sure it is deep enough for the candle to balance properly.
3. Place the candle in the turnip. A red, green or gold candle will look more effective.
4. Place the turnip on the plate or lid, which could be painted a matching colour.
5. Decorate around the base of the candle with holly, tinsel and other greenery from the garden. Ribbon can also be tied around the base.



Christmas Pudding Advent Calendar

Materials

Christmas pudding stencil
paints and coloured pencils
tinsel and gift wrap

How to make a Christmas Pudding Advent Calendar

1. Cut out the stencil and fold in half along the dotted line.
2. Decorate the outside of the pudding by painting, colouring or decorating with tinsel and gift wrap.
3. Write an inspirational Christmas message inside the pudding.
4. The puddings can be glued to a backing piece of cardboard that has been decorated or they can be pinned to a display board.
5. Every day a child chooses a Christmas pudding and reads the message which then can be discussed by the class.

N. B. Traditionally there are 24 parts to an Advent Calendar, but this activity can be adjusted to suit the number of children in the class.

Other suggestions

- ❖ The pudding shapes can be used to do a border decoration on a pin up board or attached together using wool or string and used as room decorations.
- ❖ The pudding shape can be used to write a story or a Christmas wish on.

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Christmas Pudding Stencil

