

Make your own

Victorian Christmas Decorations

Did you know?

The Christmas tree originates from Germany and was made popular by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert from 1841 onwards in Britain. Christmas trees were expensive so mainly rich families had them in their homes.

The Victorians used paper chains and strings of popcorn or dried fruit to decorate their Christmas trees and homes.



Paper Chain

You will need:

- Paper (various colours)
cut into strips



1. Cut a strip of colourful paper.
2. Fold it into a loop and stick both the ends together.
3. Cut a second strip of paper and loop through the first circle of paper.
4. Stick the ends of the second piece of paper together
5. Repeat the process until you have a chain of paper.
6. Take home to decorate your tree or wall.

Cornucopia



Cornucopias are handmade Victorian tree decorations. They can be hung on the tree and filled with sweets and dried fruit.

You will need:

Scissors



Coloured card



Pencil



Double sided tape



Materials to decorate with



Glue stick



Stapler

1

Cut your card into a square measuring roughly 15cm x 15cm.

Then twist the sheet of card around into a cone shape. Stick the two sides together using double-sided sticky tape or glue.





2

Decorate your cornucopia with pictures, ribbons and paper lace.

3

Staple or thread a ribbon through your cornucopia, fill it with sweets or dried fruit and then hang it on the Christmas tree!



Let us know how you get on with you wonderful creations! Send pictures and feedback to ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk