

Christmas Tree Potpourri

You'll need:

-2 branches from a small Christmas Tree
-dried orange peel (Hang peels to dry or leave them on the counter for a few days)
-orange extract
-pine essential oil
-4 cinnamon sticks
-a small palm full of whole cloves
-2 cotton balls or pads
-brown paper bag
-ziploc bag

Do this:

1. Break branches into smaller pieces, 1" to 3" long, and toss into a brown paper bag. It's fine to use needles that have fallen off the branch too.
2. Break citrus peels into small bits and toss into bag.
3. Add cinnamon sticks and cloves to bag.
4. Put three drops of lemon essential oil on a cotton ball.
5. Put three drops of pine or cedar oil on a cotton ball.
6. Toss cotton balls into the bag.
7. Shake the bag.
8. Put into an airtight container and leave it alone for one week.
9. Enjoy at your leisure. It should remain fragrant for at least a year if stored in an airtight container.

To enjoy:

Remove cotton balls. Put a bowl or open jar of the potpourri in a room you'd like to smell festive. Garnish with a found pine cone and some acorns if you're feeling fancy. This air freshener is free of artificial fragrances, technically edible (don't eat it though), and completely safe to use around kids and pets.

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