



A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
BOOKLET

For
You!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Through the Years

Real or fake, colors of trees and flocking fad came and went. Tastes in trees have changed over the decades.

The 1920s

Trimming the tree with lots of ribbons, satin balls, and glittered stars was commonplace in the 1920s. But, then a man named Frank Woolworth found that the German immigrants liked to hang kugels on their tree. Deciding to capitalize on this he started manufacturing glass ornaments in the US.



The 1930s

During the Great Depression, people used edible decorations; popcorn balls and cranberry garlands were derived from European traditions. Sears and Roebuck had a “brush bristle” style fake tree that you could purchase for \$4.95 (\$54 today). Also, in 1931, the tree at Rockefeller Center in NY was first displayed.

The 1940s

Shiny Brite company produced ornaments. Instead of a metal cap, they replaced it with a cardboard tab, the owner could use yarn or string to hang the ornaments.

The 1950s

In the Eisenhower Era, pink kitchens were all the rage — pink refrigerators, pink stoves, pink countertops. The color palette spread its way to the yule, as cotton candy-like Christmas trees added a bright pop to the front windows of our mid-century ranches. The all-white tree was another popular option. Along with our pink kitchen, the color palette spread to the yule, and tinsel was most popular. It wouldn't tarnish and would retain its shine. Hard plastic ornaments, candy containers, and illuminated figures filled the tree. Having a small model train around the base of the tree was a new tradition. Lionel Corporation, a toy train company, had its peak sales in 1953.



The 1960s

Artificial trees, some even faux white snowed ones started to become popular. Metallic trees never twinkled quite like an aluminum “evergreen”. Decorated with plastic bells, pinecones, fig-

urines, and the tinsel draped to produce the waterfall effect. Remember the rotating color wheel? The spotlight turned your fake tree into a discotheque of color.



The 1970s

Natural trees made their way back into homes, but not without the flocked look, which covered the bristles in a chemical white powder. You could buy it in an aerosol can. You can thank Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang who proclaimed a real tree - even a scrawny little thing - to be superior to plastic or metallic trees.



The 1980s

Awww, but alas, the fake tree isn't done just yet. With arts and crafts and eclectically styled family trees, the artificial trees had a more natural look with realistic branches that almost made you want to lean in and sniff. Often trees were decorated in mismatched ornaments all to satisfy a family's tradition and personal tastes. Using even small outdated ornaments passed down for sentimental reasons carried value to the family.



The 1990s

With the economic boom trees were starting to take on a sense of ease. Fake trees could pop open like an umbrella - perfect for easy storage and still look realistically thick. Several rooms of the house could have a tree with department store themes furnished by designers with matching styles and colors.



The 2000s

Still in vogue was the themed tree. The biggest difference in this decade was the growers had to plant one to three seedlings for every tree harvested to keep up with the demand for natural trees.

The 2010s

Of course, technology has impacted the Christmas tree in this decade. Wireless, color-changing synchronized music, and LED lighting have all combined and catapulted traditions into a modern age. A bit of a minimalist flare has become popular along with Old World traditions.

What's popular in 2020?

Shimmer, shine iridescent ornaments, crystals, and metallic finishes. Keep a lookout for animals, toucans, flamingos, and white swans. They'll all be popular this year.

Christmas

WORD SEARCH

Q O C S Q P D M I E C E G L
E E O T P E T T C N T A C F
D E C O R A T E M F D W E S
E M O C U P S A N T A O G F
C F A K D S E N R F G S F F
E F O I O N C G H L Z G V F
M T L N L M M E G G N O G A
B F S G P A S L E I G H N M
E S I S H N L V F F M T R I
R A O R N A M E N T R E G L
F F E M D G F S E S I R N Y
R E I N D E E R R S F D F A
S M N H R R L M T T G R O A
M I G I N G E R B R E A D S

Angel
Cocoa
December
Decorate
Eggnog
Elves
Family
Gifts

Gingerbread
Manager
Ornament
Reindeer
Rudolph
Santa
Sleigh
Stockings

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR *Christmas Songs???*

Can you fill in the blanks of these popular Christmas song titles?

1. Do You _____ What I _____?
2. Santa _____
3. Rudolph The Red-_____ Reindeer
4. _____ Bells
5. I Saw Mommy _____ Santa Claus
6. _____ The Snowman
7. The _____ Days Of Christmas
8. I Heard The _____ On Christmas Day
9. Hark The _____ Angels Sing
10. I Want A _____ For Christmas
11. Up On The _____
12. Rockin' _____ The Christmas Tree
13. _____ Candy Christmas
14. What _____ is This?
15. Have A _____ Christmas
16. Baby, It's _____ Outside
17. Silent _____
18. All I Want For Christmas Is My _____ Teeth
19. O Come, All Ye _____



20. O Holy _____
21. Jingle Bell _____
22. Away In A _____
23. Joy To The _____
24. _____ Christmas
25. The First _____
26. God Rest Ye Merry _____
27. Blue _____
28. _____ Kalikimaka
29. Feliz _____
30. It's Beginning To _____ A Lot Like Christmas
31. _____ Is Coming To Town
32. Deck The _____
33. You're A Mean One, _____
34. Have _____ a Merry _____ Christmas
It's The _____ Wonderful _____ Of The Year

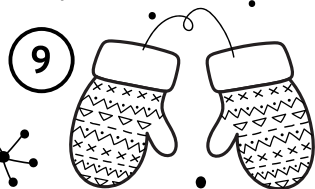
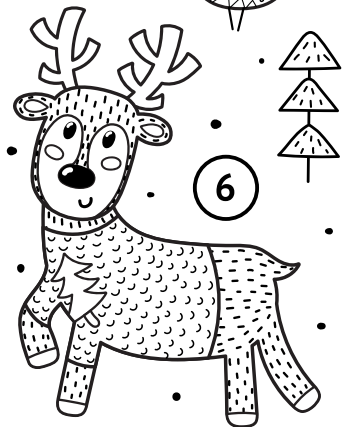
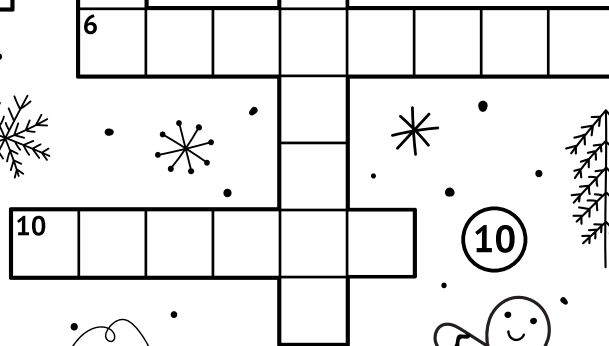
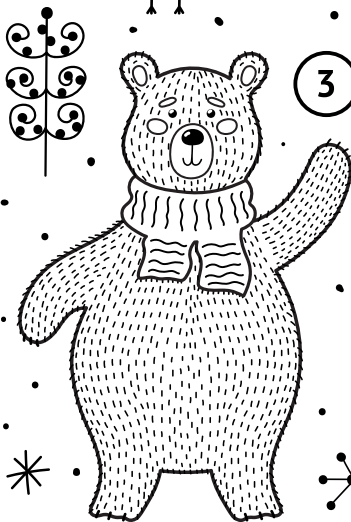
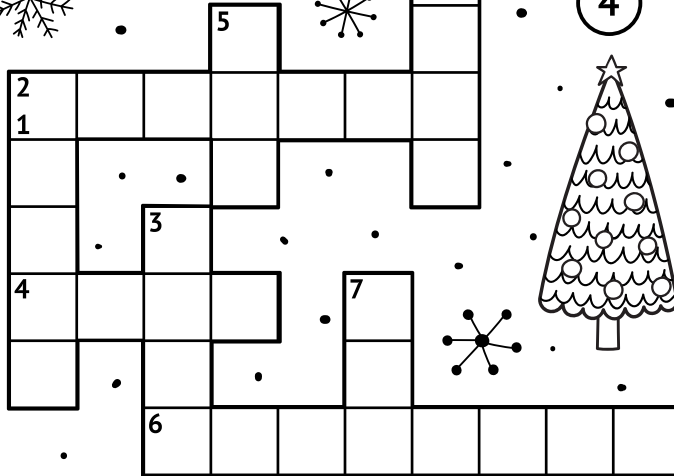
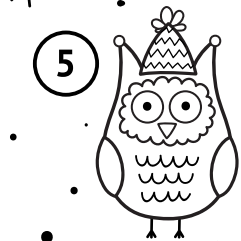
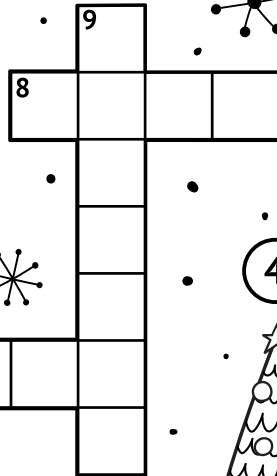
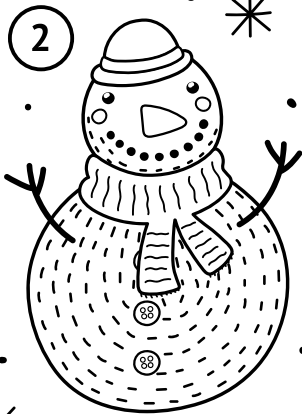
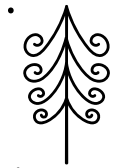


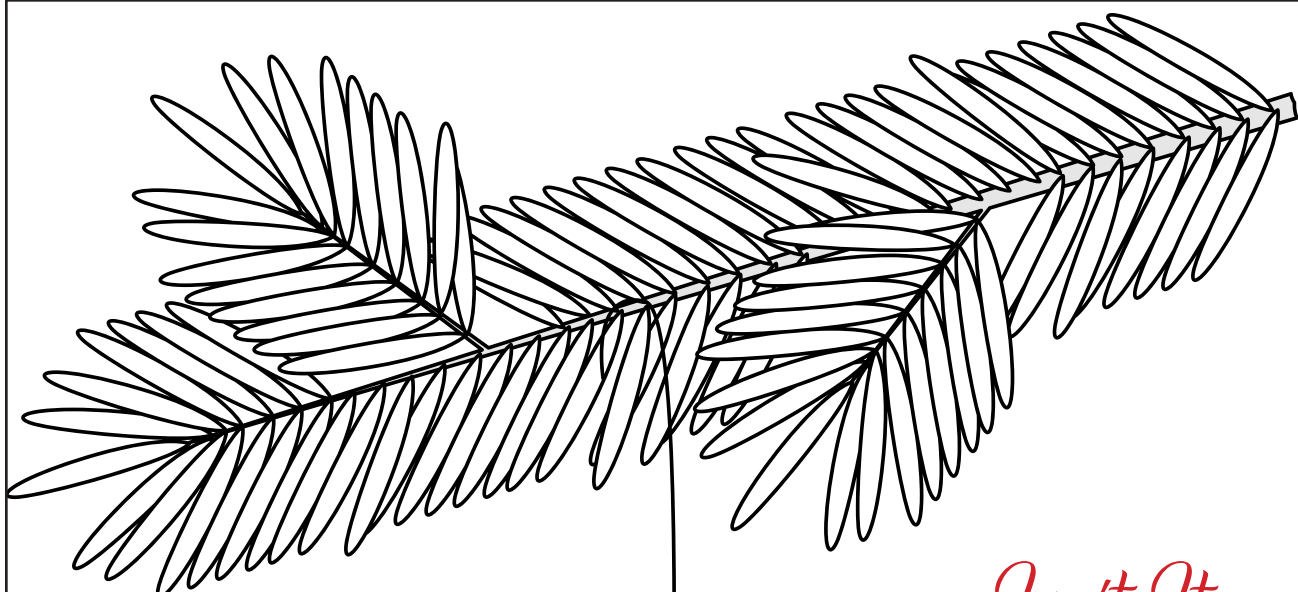
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PICTURE CROSSWORD

Fill in the crossword puzzle by using the illustrated clues

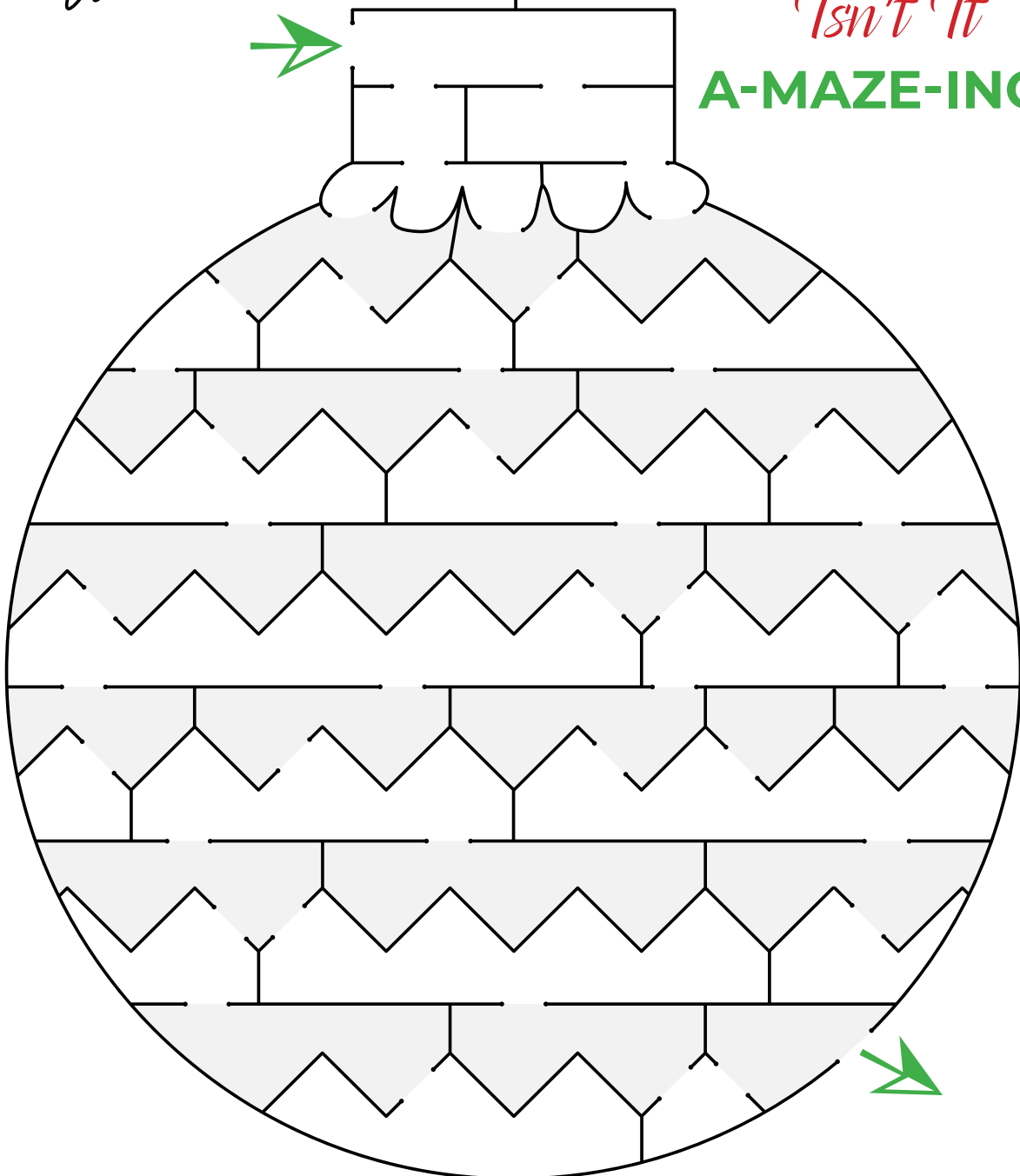
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Isn't It

A-MAZE-ING?



Snowflake **MAKE-A-WORD**

How many words can you make from the word SNOWFLAKE?
Print one word on each line.

1. _____

11. _____

2. _____

12. _____

3. _____

13. _____

4. _____

14. _____

5. _____

15. _____

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16. _____

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19. _____

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20. _____

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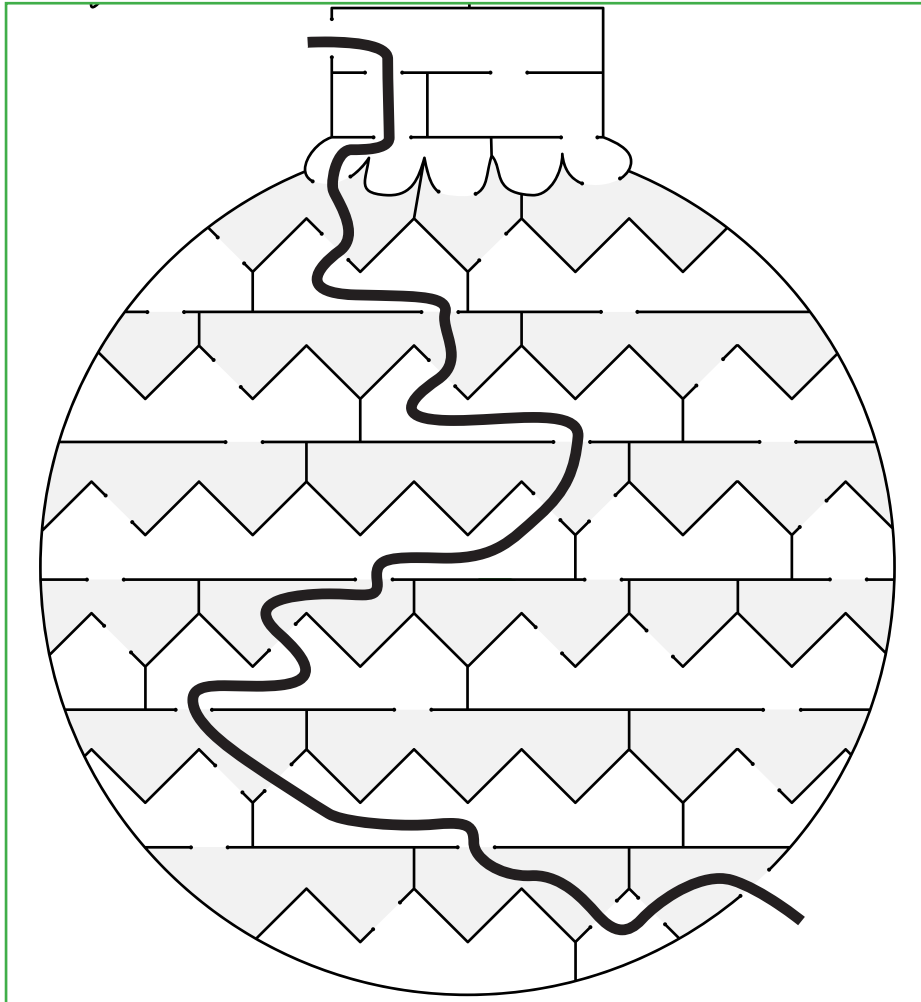
PICTURE CROSSWORD SOLUTION

1. Santa
2. Snowman
3. Bear
4. Tree
5. Owl
6. Reindeer
7. Penguin
8. Bird
9. Mittens
10. Cookie

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SONG TITLE SOLUTION

1. Hear Hear
2. Baby
3. Nosed
4. Silver
5. Kissing
6. Frosty
7. Twelve
8. Bells
9. Herald
10. Hippopotamus
11. Housatop
12. Around
13. Hard
14. Child
15. Holly Jolly
16. Cold
17. Night
18. Two Front
19. Faithful
20. Night
21. Rock
22. Manager
23. World
24. White
25. Noel
26. Gentlemen
27. Christmas
28. Mele
29. Navidad
30. Look
31. Santa Claus
32. Halls
33. Mr. Grinch
34. Yourself Little
35. Most Time



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