



Christmas 2010



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# *From the Ground Up* ↑

*Its  
beginning  
to look  
a lot  
like  
Christmas*

There is nothing as nice for our homes at Christmas as the fragrance of fresh evergreens. Their scent fills the room setting the mood for the spirit of the season. White pine with its long soft needles accent fresh flowers and centerpieces beautifully. With its flat branches, balsam fir is a great choice for adding to centerpieces or making traditional wreaths. Cedar boughs are perfect for swags and wreaths. Greens, as with cut flowers, will last longer if they are



in water so make a centerpiece using oasis floral foam, or display in a glass vase or ceramic container filled with water. If using them in swags or wreaths, their lifespan will be shorter. Mist them often and be prepared to replace them every week or so.

What to display with them is as limitless as your imagination. Twigs from your garden, sprayed with traditional colours (or not), shiny glass balls, apples, oranges, fresh flowers, candles, pinecones Unique Florists will have the supplies you need to create your own or have one custom made.

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The brilliant flowers of the Christmas cactus are a wondrous sight to behold in the darkness of our prairie winters. Blooming in various shades of pink, white and red this tropical cactus requires different care than its desert relatives. Jungle dwelling succulents are not as tolerant of drought as their sand loving cousins. Although they do store a reasonable quantity of water, they will go limp if they are moisture deprived. They also need well drained soil as they are susceptible to rot.

A well cared for Christmas cactus can survive for decades and can often be passed down to the next generation to enjoy.

## The Christmas Cactus Schedule

**November-January** - Flowering period. Do not relocate plant, water normally and keep environment stable. Do not fertilize while plant is flowering.

**February-March** - Resting period. Keep plant cool and dry.

**April-August** - Treat normally. Water thoroughly when dry. Feed monthly. From June - August Plant can be set outdoors in a shady spot.

**September-October** - Plant is preparing to flower. Reduce watering, keep cool (locate near a north or east window), shorten daylight exposure. When flower buds appear, increase water and temperature.

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