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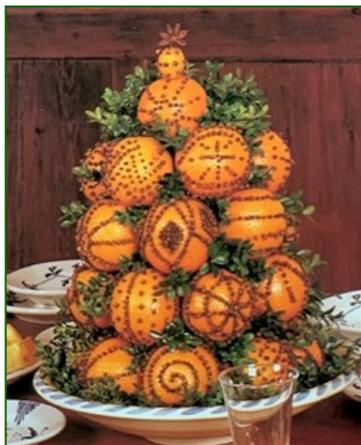
ORANGE CLOVE POMANDER BALLS

Holiday pomanders are easy and fun decorations to make with friends, family and children. It is essentially an orange or other citrus studded with whole cloves either in a decorative design or randomly covered.

The materials are firm oranges washed and dried, whole cloves (Amish Market), tacks, marking pens, a 2" paperclip or other metal of similar length and strength (if hanging), and ribbons. (See photo.) Also, a couple of paper towels in case the surface of the orange becomes damp.



- If hanging the pomander, first insert the straightened paperclip through the middle of the orange with the hooked part of the clip secure in the bottom and other end sticking out the top stem area. This will be used to attach the bow.
- Create a design on the surface—a line or dots where cloves will be inserted. Using a tack or similar object, make holes 1/8- to 1/4- inch apart. Insert the cloves in the punctures. Designs may be in diamonds, circles, swirls, etc.
- Finally, if you are hanging it, bend the top part of the clip into a loop and attach a ribbon.



As the orange dries, it will release a spicy fragrance. Cloves are a natural preserving agent. The more cloves used, the more fragrant the pomander will be. Also, some sources suggest placing it in a paper bag for up to two weeks to cure. See photo and Google 'oranges and cloves pomanders' to find lots of ideas.

Most importantly, relax and have fun with loved ones...