

How to Make a Clove Pomander

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Orange Clove Pomander

You will need:

Fresh oranges, lemons or grapefruit

A few toothpicks or a skewer

A jar of whole cloves.

Kitchen twine, if you decide to hang any pomanders (the pretty coloured twine available from craft shops works for this too).

A rubber band

Step 1. Put the rubber band around your orange. This will be the guide for the centre of your design.

Step 2. Using the toothpick or skewer poke a row of holes in the orange around the edges of the rubber band.

Step 3. Push the cloves, stem end down, into the holes you have made in the orange.

You can stop there. Or you can continue adding cloves to the fruit in any design you like. Swirls, more bands of cloves and flowers are all popular designs.

Step 4. To make a hanger, thread a darning needle with bakers twine or strong thread. Tie a knot in one end, then push the needle up through the centre of the orange. Bring it out through the top and then take it back down through the centre, leaving a loop to hang it by. Tie it off.

Step 5. Your pomanders need to be dried if you want to keep them. Put them into a brown paper bag, fold the top over a couple of times. Place the bag in a cool, dark cupboard for at least two weeks. Check to see if the orange has dried out. If it hasn't repeat for another week and check again. Dried pomanders actually smell nicer than the fresh ones and they obviously last longer.



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