

For a small fry party, or for the children's table throughout the holiday season, make a trinket tree that you'll use for many seasons. Children love tiny things: little dolls, animals, toys, houses, fruits, beads. Have the children make very small gift packages with one fat gumdrop inside, not to be opened until the tree is put away. Tie things on with thread, so that they swing a bit in currents of air.

Make the tree from a 1" dowel, stuck into a square wood base. Drill 3/8" holes in the upright dowel for branches. Shellac and paint, if desired. Top the tree with an ornament, or two very large gold stars pasted back to back over the tip of the dowel.



*A toy-and-trinket tree*