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All I want for Christmas

It's time to decide what Christmas tree you want

A Christmas tree is not only somewhere to put presents but it is a work of art to hang your decorative memories on and, if, like my mum, it's a way to outdo your friends and neighbours, writes *Wesley Hudson*.

If you want a traditional Christmas tree, consider buying a Norway Spruce – have been popular since Victorian times and grow naturally in the UK.

The trees are bright green and bushy with a lovely Christmas scent that you can't get from a festive candle.

These trees have dense, spiky needles that drop quickly so aren't a great choice for pet owners and those with young children.

They need regular watering and must be kept away from radiators.

The Nordmann fir is becoming popular in Britain but they may cost you more than other trees.

These trees have little fragrance but are strong and



If you're fussy about how your tree looks then these are symmetrical trees with wide bases and dark green needles.

These are very easy to care for trees and they are great for larger decorations.

If you want to add a bit of colour to your home this Christmas then consider buying a Blue Spruce.

These trees have a wintery silver-blue tinge making them a very popular option.

Douglas firs are a statement tree because they have sturdy but soft, dark greenish blue needles and a citrusy fragrance.

But if you only have a small space then you're barking up the wrong Christmas tree with a Douglas as they can grow very large.

If you're keen to have any of these trees in your home this Christmas it's best to wait until mid-December before buying one.

You can buy real trees from most nurseries and garden centres but a tree shopping trip to a Christmas market is a great family day out.

sturdy, keeping their needles for much longer.

Nordmann firs have soft and glossy needles making them suitable for children.



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