

Our REAL Christmas Tree Guide



There's nothing more special at Christmas time than the scent and appearance of a real tree in your home.

Real trees offer great value too - pot grown trees are alive and if looked after well can look great next Christmas too!

Our trees in stock:

Nordman Fir

[Abies nordmanniana]

The **most popular** "no needle drop" tree – no scent but very regular dense branches. Can be quite wide in shape. (Available pot grown or as a cut tree)



Lodgepole Pine

[Pinus contorta]

Gorgeous scent, open habit – good for a larger space – large paired needles are **very reliable** and what few needles may fall, are easy to clean up! (Available as a cut tree)



Fraser Fir

[Abies fraseri] Great tree can suffer from a less regular habit. Deep green and **strongest lovely scent** (this is the **most popular tree in North America**). The Fraser Fir is usually a **little slimmer** than the Nordman shape. (Available pot grown or as a cut tree)



Spruce

[Picea]

Those needles – they can be sustained with good management – see below. This is the **traditional Christmas tree and that scent!** (Available as a cut tree)



Korean Fir

[Abies koreana]

A **good-looking** bushy tree with known **good results** when **planted out in Shetland**. (Available as a pot grown tree)



Serbian Spruce

[Picea omorika]

One of the **newer trees on the market**, the Serbian or Omorika spruce has **dark green colouring** and a slimmer, more graceful conical shape than other trees. It is a medium-sized tree, growing up to 35m. The leaves are flattened needles with **silver undersides** and do not hold wonderfully well, but are **soft** and bear a **pleasant, strong fragrance**. Branches are well spaced, which **makes decorating easy**. (Available as a pot grown tree)



Sub-Alpine or Rocky Mountain Fir

[*Abies lasiocarpa*] *Abies* are evergreen conifers, often **very tall**, with whorled branches bearing **flattened, linear leaves**, often **whitish beneath**, and on the upper branches, cones which break up whilst attached to the tree. When planted out, try to protect from any heavy frosts (Available as a pot grown tree)



Noble Fir

[*Abies procera*] The noble fir is a noble tree indeed, with **more open foliage** and needle-like but blunt-tipped leaves, making it **good for decorating**. The tree also **keeps its needles well**, has a **lovely fragrance** and an upswept, conical, symmetrical shape, hails from North America. A **lush, glaucous-green** in colour. (Available as a pot grown tree)



How to get the best from your Real Christmas tree:

1. Keep the tree cool (outside or in a garage or shed) for as long as possible.
2. Once inside, keep the tree away from direct heat if possible. E.g. radiators, underfloor heating, etc.
3. These top quality trees have been pruned to give them better shape. To get the best shape from your pruned tree, remove the netting and then starting from the base, gently bend the branches down past the horizontal, they will then spring back to their growing position.

POT GROWN Christmas trees

- Pot Grown Christmas Trees are alive, so it's important to care for them correctly.
- **How to care for your Pot Grown tree:**
 1. Leave the plant outside for as long as possible.
 2. When you bring the tree inside, place the container in a saucer or waterproof outer pot
 3. Water the tree daily when indoors; this will significantly improve the life of your tree.
- You should see very little needle drop from your Pot Grown Tree.
- The bonus to Pot Grown Trees is that, if correctly looked after, this tree can survive for years, to be taken in for future Christmases, or simply planted out in your garden.
- We have carefully chosen varieties that thrive well outside in Shetland with varying amounts of shelter. Ask one of our team for advice on a tree that would suit your location.
- **After Christmas – planting your tree**
 1. After Christmas has passed, place your tree in a garage or porch for a few weeks to help acclimatise it before planting outside.
 2. Choose a sunny spot if possible to ensure that it grows with an even shape.
 3. Dig a large square hole. Mulch well and ensure good drainage. Place tree and root-ball in hole, loosening roots, and refill with soil, with root collar at ground level. Water well.

CUT Christmas trees

- Cut Christmas trees do a great job for up to 3 weeks inside if looked after correctly.
- Nordman Fir, Fraser Fir, and Lodgepole Pine trees hold on to their needles well and will give you virtually no needle drop. These will eventually cast some needles depending on the conditions and species.
- **How to care for your Cut tree:**
 1. Saw the bottom two inches off the trunk
 2. Place in your Christmas tree stand (pot) **Tree stands on sale here!**
 3. Fill your stand with water, and keep topping this up DAILY – this is vital for the health of your tree.

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