



The 12 Tips of Christmas Trees.

1. Before buying it is always a good idea to measure up – to ensure the tree fits your space!
2. Nordman Firs are the best for needle retention.
3. To keep your tree fresh and green:
Make a fresh cut in the tree stump and set in water immediately. A fresh cut tree will absorb several quarts of water at the start, so its important to check and refill water level several times.
4. Start by setting up the tree away from the wall so you have room to work around
5. Decide which side of the tree looks best to face out.
6. Trees should be placed in cool areas- away from potential areas of warm air
7. How many lights?
Typically count on 50 lights per vertical foot of tree- a 7ft tree would need 350 lights! unless you want the Blackpool Chic look – then you should just go for it!
8. Put the lights on first before any of the other elements.
9. Lights - work from the inside out! Start arranging Christmas tree lights on the branches near the base of the tree, weave strings of lights along the branches inside the outer edges of the branches.
10. Placement of the feature decorations- don't hang all your decorations on the tips of the branches. Place your decorations inside of your tree to add depth and Interest.
11. Filler decorations – Start by arranging the filler decorations in an even spacing around the tree, these would be basic solid coloured baubles to co ordinate and enhance your scheme, around 20 filler decorations for every 2 feet of the tree.
12. Real trees are best! You can't beat nature and remember new Christmas trees will be planted to replace the ones cut each year to ensure that you will never miss the joy of a real tree!



Indoor Garden Design (IGD) is one of the largest independent interior landscape designers in Europe and widely recognised as the UK's leading commercial provider of tropical plants. Their work can be seen at the British Library and the Joel Robuchon restaurant in London's Covent Garden where they have created a vertical walled garden.

IGD have had a have been involved in some of the most prestigious events of the season including the RHS Chelsea Flower Shower where they won a silver medal for their joint collaboration with James Wong on the Canary Islands Spa Garden and Somerset House decoration for London Fashion Week.

IGD's inspiring 'plant art' led them to be commissioned by the Sir Elton John Aid's Foundation to produce live plant sculpture in the style of Jeff Koons at the famed annual White Tie and Tiara Ball.

Art has played a major theme in IGD's work this summer and they are proud to have been given the opportunity to be involved with the artists whose work is on show at the Radical Nature Exhibition at the Barbican Art Gallery.

Ian Drummond, Creative Director of IGD, has a wealth of expertise and knowledge of plants and their benefits to the office, the environment and commercial space. His focus for this year and the next is to extend the work of IGD into the realms of events and arts arenas. Forthcoming projects include creating a live and magical jungle for the forthcoming film -- Where the Wild Things Are -- set to be the number one Christmas movie.