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Have Yourself A Very Vintage Christmas: Crafts, Decorating Tips, And Recipes, 1920s-1960s



Synopsis

In her newest volume, Susan Waggoner recaptures the magic of Christmases past with the vintage crafts projects readers have been craving. Inspired by the most sought-after treasures from the 1920s through the 1960s, Waggoner recreates a tempting array of decorations and provides step-by-step instructions that allow anyone to deck their halls with cellophane wreaths, glittered glass ornament balls, beaded bell garlands, and whimsical, tinsel-bedecked treat cups. Those pressed for time will also find quick crafts for every decade, along with style notes and decorating tips to pull it all together. Nostalgic bonus art throughout provides a host of images to use in greeting cards and photo holders. And to keep spirits merry and energy flowing, Waggoner includes a sampler of easy-to-make candy recipes, from Mackinac Island Fudge to old-fashioned soft caramels. Praise for *Have Yourself a Very Vintage Christmas*: "If you're looking for nostalgia or a retro style, this is the perfect book to help you plan your Christmas decorations. . . . A well-thought-out themed book for any craft collection." "Library Journal" "Packed with an amazing amount of information and/or tips for having a fab retro holiday of your own." "The Costco Connection"

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Susan Waggoner is an author who has written many books such as *It's a Wonderful Christmas: The Best of the Holidays 1940-1965*, *Under the Tree: The Toys and Treats That Made Christmas Special, 1930-1970*, *Christmas Memories: Gifts, Activities, Fads, and Fancies, 1920s-1960s*,

etc. She explains about this 2011 book, "[The book] came about after several years of looking at old Christmas catalogues, old Christmas cards, and old family photos... What I saw was a wonderful world of memory, loaded to the gills with decorations no longer made. I wanted them badly. And I didn't want the tattered, torn, and faded items that had survived in someone's attic. I wanted to see them as they might have looked when they were new. To I decided to try to make them for myself. This book is the result of those efforts..." (Pg. 7) She notes, "Trees of the '20s were round and fat, so full that to get the desired girth people often bought a tree that was taller than the room it was intended for and lopped off the top. The practice was so common that tree toppers played no part in many homes, which were expensive and consumed large amounts of electricity. Despite the lack of lights, trees of this era had impressive dazzle and a distinctive charm all their own.

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