



CANDLE CENTERPIECE and snowflake tree ornament are made from Realemon plastic "sitting" squeeze lemons. For centerpiece, halved and whole lemons are painted and glued to base. Ready-made Christmas candle stands in center. Gold drinking straws, tipped with stars, are inserted in openings of lemons. For snowflake ornament, side is cut from squeeze lemon. Lemon is painted a bright color, or gilded. Snowflake is cut from foil paper and glued inside.

Plastic Squeeze Lemons Make Holiday Ornaments

Impressive Christmas decorations and tree ornaments can be made from empty plastic sitting squeeze lemons.

A candle centerpiece, a topnotch tree, a double-decker ornament and a snowflake ornament—all these can be made from these fruit-shaped containers you normally throw away.

You can halve the expense and double the fun of decorating for Christmas, if you follow these instructions from the Realemon Company.

Candle Centerpiece

For the centerpiece you will need a dozen assorted sitting (flat bottomed) lemons and limes. Cut a 10" by 14" rectangle from corrugated cardboard. Cover rectangle with gay Christmas paper. Cut an 8" by 10" oval from cardboard. Cover with slightly larger piece of foil "crinkled" to fit. Center oval on rectangle and glue. Place a Christmas candle, large enough to stand by itself and at least 8" tall, in center of oval. Slit several sitting squeeze lemons and limes in half. Leave a few others whole.

Paint sitting lemons bright colors with poster paint. Sitting limes may be used in their natural color. Arrange these and the whole

ones around candle. Glue these into position, using flat bottom as surface to glue to base.

Bend gold drinking straws in half. Insert into openings of lemons. Bend straws outward. Press gummed stars on edges of straws and on inside of squeeze lemon halves.

Snowflake Ornament

The snowflake ornament is quite simple to make. Cut side out of one large sitting lemon. Paint inside of lemon a bright color with poster paint. Cut "snowflake" from foil paper to fit inside of lemon. Attach with glue.

Glue gold cord around edge of opening or ornament. Pull gold cord through top opening of lemon and knot.

Double Decker Ornament

For the Double-Decker ornament, you will need one small sitting lemon and one large sitting lemon. Cut holes at tips of lemons.

Bring lemons together by cutting off natural opening of smaller lemon and inserting natural opening of larger lemon into this hole. Glue. Insert cord through lemons, knotting at the bottom ornament. Bend four drinking straws together and insert in top opening. Paint unit, or spray with gilt paint. Attach gold bows to middle.

and attach gilt stars to flat bottoms of lemons.

Topnotch Tree

For the tree you will need about 16 empty plastic sitting lemons. (It is important to use sitting lemons, since the flat bottom is part of the designs.)

Cut holes at tips of lemons with a sharp knife. Insert lemons through three 15" dowel rods, 1/4" in diameter. The two top lemons should be slit at the sides in order to bring dowels together at the top. Hold at top with a rubber band.

Cut an 8" circle from corrugated cardboard. Pierce three holes in the cardboard in an evenly-spaced triangle. Cover cardboard with "crinkled" foil paper. Insert lower ends of dowels through holes and hold in place with tape on underside.

Arrange three sitting lemons on foil paper covered base in spaces between dowels. Spray or paint entire unit gold.

When dry, paint flat bottoms of lemons red and attach gummed stars. Tie bows between each fruit on tree and attach some bows with pins to base.

Tie ribbon strands at top, pulling three down to base and tape underneath. Cut a lemon in half and use at top of tree. Crimp a little "cloud" of foil and place tree on this.

These and other unusual ideas for squeeze lemon decorations are included in the free booklet: "Fun with Realemon Plastic Squeeze Lemons," which can be obtained by writing: The Realemon Company, 1200 W. 27th St., Chicago 9, Illinois.

DOUBLY ALERT

The Automobile Club of Southern California suggests that both motorists and pedestrians be doubly alert during the Holiday Season. The longer hours, the possibility of inclement weather and on the streets a greater number of people who are preoccupied with the excitement of the season make extra care and consideration as important to the pedestrian as it is to the motorist.

Coffee for Crowd Is Breeze to Brew

Chances are that sometime during the holiday months ahead, you'll be called upon to serve coffee to a large group. Happily, coffee in any quantity is one of the easiest refreshment assignments you can draw. Once you know a few rules, you can make excellent coffee for any number of people.

Let's assume you'll be making forty average servings. Allow one pound of ground coffee to two gallons of water. Some simple arithmetic will enable you to adapt the recipe to a larger or smaller group. Even easier: employing any standard measuring device, use one part coffee to six parts water for perfect results.

If you use a coffee urn, use the suggested coffee-to-water proportions—drip grind coffee, of course—then follow the brewing instructions given by the manufacturer of the urn.

Coffee in a Kettle
Excellent coffee can be first, measure freshly-made in an open kettle, too.

drawn cold water into a spotlessly clean kettle and heat it to boiling point. In the meantime, measure regular grind coffee into a clean cloth sack which has been soaked and rinsed thoroughly. The sack must be large enough so that it is not more than half-full when the ground coffee is placed in it. This allows for expansion of the coffee and free circulation of the water. Tie the top of the sack tightly, allowing enough cord for fastening to the kettle handle.

When the water comes to a full, rolling boil, reduce heat to hold just below the boiling point. Fasten the sack to pot handle, then submerge the sack into the water. Keep the kettle on low heat and push the sack up and down frequently to get the proper extraction. Brew 6 to 8 minutes. Do not let the coffee boil. When the coffee is ready, remove the sack, permitting all the beverage to drain into the kettle. Then, serve your delicious coffee as soon as possible.

Scouting Around

TROOP 2000
Girl Scout Troop No. 2000 recently enjoyed a turkey Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Burton, 1634 W. 224th St.

The troop is planning an outdoor Christmas party Dec. 20 at Peck Park. After exchanging gifts, the troop will close the day by singing Christmas Carols in their neighborhood.

Troop cadettes and juniors will attend the District Harbor Campout Jan. 3, 4, and 5 at Oak Grove, Pasadena.

Girls participating are: Cindy Soad, Kristine Moon, Dianne Moon, Debby Sais, Joanne Trystad, Anne Cafarella, Becky Hooper, Rosemarie Rosado, Louise Burton, Dianna Brannon, Linda Clark, Marty Lehr, Jr., Dianne Lippard, Teresa Shivar, Debby Kaneshiro, Denise Bentley. Leaders of the troop are Marty Lehr and Mrs. Louise Burton.

Girl Scout Troop 2000 is sponsored by the Harbor Lite Dog Obedience Club.

GOD AND COUNTRY
The God and Country Award was presented to three Boy Scouts in recent service at South Bay Church of God, 17661, Yukon Ave. Past Clifford Tierney pinned awards on Rick Norris, Eagle Scout of Troop No. 874; Larry Boggs and Don Honeycutt also of Troop No. 97. Fellow Boy Scouts, leaders, and parents of the Scouts were in attendance.

Following the singing of the national anthem, James Stillwell, who received his God and Country Award earlier this year, led the congregation in the pledge of Allegiance and Fred Shively led the congregation in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Awarding of the medals brought the total to six boys who have received their God and Country Awards within the last two years at the South Bay Church of God.

At the close of the presentation, parents of the three boys received lapel pins.

TROOP 1359
Brownie and Junior Scout Troop 1359, of Casimir Refreshments will consist

School, Torrance, sponsored by the Kimanis Club of Torrance will hold their holiday party at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Mrs. Gayle Roeder, 17032 Haas Ave.

The 34 girls have participated actively in planning and preparing for the festivities. Games, songs and gift exchange will provide entertainment.

A beautifully decorated cake and punch.



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