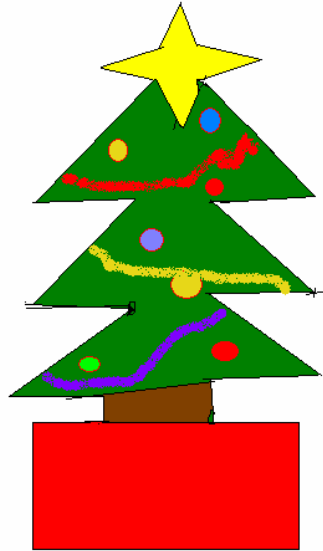


*the christmas tree is a traditional christmas item!*



## The Christmas Tree

Germany started the Christmas tree tradition in the sixteenth century when Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids from wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles, if trees were not available. The Christmas tree slowly became popular in other parts of Europe.

In England, Prince Albert, (husband of Queen Victoria) made Christmas trees popular by decorating the first English Christmas tree at Windsor Castle with candles, sweets, fruit and ginger bread. This was in 1941.