

CHRISTMAS TRENDS DECORATION GUIDE 2021 by



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A massive Christmas Trend this year is Scandi. Scandi is short for Scandinavian and covers the countries Norway, Sweden and Denmark. It encompasses all things cosy, natural and sustainable.

“HYGGE”

A Danish word for a quality of cosiness - feeling warm, comfortable, and safe that comes from doing simple things such as lighting candles, baking, or spending time at home with your family.

Natural - Pampas and Dried Flowers

Pampas Grasses are a common feature in many modern homes. Upgrade your pampas for Christmas, add lights to encompass the cosy feel using warm whites.

You might think that the limit of pampas is in vases but [pampas](#) and [dried flower baubles](#) are a great way to get these looks onto your tree. These pictured are from [COX & COX](#)

Handmade and Eco-friendly

Decoration made from sustainable and natural materials are popular in Scandinavian countries. It's important to protect our environment and this has driven the popularity of this style of decoration. Natural materials include wood, paper and dried flowers.

[Paper decorations](#) can be handmade or bought. There are some amazing intricate designs of some paper decorations that are tricky but rewarding to make!

[Beaded wooden garlands](#) are popular, an idea to style these yourself is to purchase and add decorations yourself for a totally personalised garland.

Paper decorations and beaded garland pictured are from [Layered Lounge](#).

“JULEVERKSTED”

Meaning Christmas Workshop often refers to handmade decorations and food items that are created



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Cosy - Boucle

Being cosy at Christmas when it is cold outside really sums up that Hygge feeling. Boucle is super soft yarn with hooped or curled ply. One of the reasons we like boucle is because it looks a little but like fluffy snow, and white Christmas is one of those things we just love!

Carry on the cosy trend into your Christmas decorations by adding boucle. An easy way to do this is to use a [boucle ribbon](#). It has so many applications from wrapping those fake presents under the tree that you can use year on year or add bows to existing decoration such as a Beaded Wooden Garland.



You could also cosy up your living room with boucle items, these don't just have to be seasonal so are a great investment. Soft furnishings are a great way to give you a cosy feel and with lots of boucle products out there to choose from as this is trending theme!

The [Boucle Throw](#) and [Cushions](#) pictured are from Made.



“NISSER(Danish), TOMTE(Swedish) or TOMTENISSE/TONTTU(Finnish)”

a mythological creature from Nordic folklore today typically associated with the winter solstice and the Christmas season. They are generally described as being short, having a long white beard, and wearing a conical or knit cap in gray, red or some other bright colour. They often have an appearance somewhat similar to that of a garden gnome.

Tradition and Folklore

At Christmas we love and stories and these hold magic for many different culture in different forms. In Nordic culture this takes the form of a Nisse or more commonly referred to as a Christmas Gnome. The modern Nisse is similar to Santa as they deliver gifts to homes.

Many choose to decorate their homes using these Nisse. I have in the past crocheted these for friends and family. If you enjoy crafts this is great way to get into the Scandinavian sprit to encompass sustainable and handmade decorations.

I got this pattern from [Etsy](#).



TRADITIONAL

We all love Christmas traditions and this is especially true around this time of year! We all have our personal and family traditions. Whether it's what vegetables we have with our Christmas dinner or when we open presents - before or after lunch.

When looking at Christmas trends the traditional look is always very popular. This guide looks at the traditional elements of Christmas and how you can incorporate these into your Christmas decor!

Candles

Traditional Victorian Christmas trees used candles to light them - something that seems a strange thing to do today. Strapping candles to a flammable tree doesn't seem the best thing to do. There have been modern takes on this tradition, for example string lights and clip-on decorations. The candle decoration pictured is from [Fortnum and Mason](#) and string lights are from [Cox & Cox](#).



Vintage baubles

Baubles have been decorating trees for hundreds of years, even dating back to the 16th Century. Baubles have been traditionally made out of glass and more recently have become plastic to prevent breakages. Over the years they've taken many different forms and shapes from ovals to spheres.

The egg-shaped bauble is from [Fortnum and Mason](#) and the concave Traditional Bauble is from [Cox and Cox](#).



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Bells

Bells are the most well known for being on on the sleigh of Santa and the reindeers. The history of this is that is a pagan tradition that the noise would ward off evil spirits.

They are so versatile and can be hung as a single bell or bunched together to create a bigger decoration. Bigger bells can be put into a [wreath](#) creating a different look for a door and small bells can create a smaller decoration such as a [napkin holder](#). Items pictured are from [Cox and Cox](#).



Nutcrackers

Nutcrackers originate from Germany and first appeared in the 17th Century. They were given as gifts and are a symbol of good luck. The Nutcrackers became more popular with the ballet by Tchaikovsky.

They are widely used in modern times as Christmas decorations and are more mass produce. You could place a larger nutcracker on a fireplace or smaller in a shelf.

There is a range of different nutcracker decorations that are not the traditional nutcracker such as wreaths and hanging decorations.

To keep true with traditional you could source a handmade nutcracker made from wood.

The one pictured is from [Etsy](#).



WREATHS

Christmas wreaths have always been a staple decoration at Christmas but in recent times we have seen wreaths being more creative and also branching out into different seasons and holidays. Wreaths are traditionally made from evergreen branches with the addition of berries. Wreaths are now being made from lots of different materials included Christmas baubles or pampas grasses.

Historically wreaths were put up during the first Sunday of advent and placed on tables with candles instead of hung.

Christmas wreaths can be made by hand, you could choose to attend a wreath making workshop. A workshop will give you all the materials you need and you'll come away with a wreath you will be proud to hang with it being made by your own hand. Alternatively you could use a wreath guide or video to help you create one.

If you choose to buy a wreath there are lots of different styles to choose from, you might choose one that fits in with the Christmas theme that you are going with such as Scandi or Traditional.

Narrowing down the wreaths I wanted to include in the guide wasn't easy with so many good wreaths out there to buy.

Nutcracker Wreath

This nutcracker wreath takes the traditional nutcracker and uses it as a centre piece along with a bow. Made from faux foliage it means you can use it again year on year! This one is from [Wonder and Whimsy](#) on Etsy, I love Etsy as a market place as you can find some really good handmade pieces and even request bespoke items. This can mean you have a Christmas wreath that no one else will have! Make sure you check out the seller to make sure that they are selling handmade and not just reselling items.

Traditional Wreath

Another Etsy find was from [Woods and Willow](#). From when I saw these wreaths I was amazed! Incredibly presented one of these is definitely on my wish list. This wreath is more traditional using snow berries to decorate.



WREATHS

Feather Wreath

The next wreath is made from all feathers. This creates a different look from the traditional foliage wreath. You could pair these with other feather decorations such as baubles or tinsel.

This wreath is from [The White Company](#)

Lighting your wreath

If you wish to light your wreaths I would recommend micro LED lights either [battery](#) or [mains wired](#). These are perfect for lighting wreaths and garlands as they are more discreet than traditional string lights.

By choosing to light your wreath separately you have more freedom with it. For example if the lights stop working and you won't have to replace the whole wreath just the lights. This is good if you have invested in an expensive wreath.

Coral Wreath

Another material I've not seen on a wreath is coral, excuse the play on words coral "wreath". Of course this wreath from [Cox and Cox](#) is created from faux coral and it is intricately detailed and looks very real!

Eucalyptus Wreath

With the increasing trend of eucalyptus it wouldn't be a trends guide without a eucalyptus wreath. This pair of lit wreaths from [Cox and Cox](#) are a perfect minimalist wreath choice. These use the micro LEDs mentioned earlier.

