



## Hints for Designers

1. The theme and colors should be appropriate for homes and/or businesses.
2. Include any special instructions which might pertain to the displaying of your tree.
3. Be sure to secure everything to the tree. Hot glue ornaments, knot bows, or wire on whenever possible. If it is a tree that is more than one piece, wire the tree pieces together. Avoid glass ornaments as much as possible. Ornaments with an inserted or slip-on hanging attachment should be glued where the two pieces meet so the ornament cannot slip off its hanger.
4. Bring a tree skirt for your tree. You don't have to buy or make something elaborate as a skirt. Mesh, fabric, even a tub or basket that covers the base of the tree is acceptable.
5. If you are putting lights on your design, do this first. Specify on your entry that your design is lit so that we can make proper arrangement the weekend of the Festival. Bring a 9' cord to go with your tree – these will not be returned.
6. Do not use alcohol or tobacco related products for decorating your tree/wreath. Corks are permitted. If you have questions on something that you have in mind doing, please contact the committee to confirm acceptability.
7. If your tree has an elaborate or potentially fragile tree topper, the tree topper needs to be removable so that it can safely be transported to its new home.
8. Don't forget a catchy, creative title for your design. Here are some examples:

<i>A Child's Temptation</i>	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>	<i>Christmas Glistens</i>
<i>Visions of Sugarplums</i>	<i>A Christmas Classic</i>	<i>Trainload of Color</i>
<i>Antique Beauty</i>	<i>A Heavenly Holiday</i>	<i>Snowflake Symphony</i>
<i>Christmas Bear</i>	<i>Wee Ones Wonderland</i>	<i>Wooden it be Christmas</i>
<i>Christmas is Love</i>	<i>A Country Christmas</i>	<i>Christmas in the Woods</i>
<i>Christmas Magic</i>	<i>Peace on Earth</i>	<i>Silver Splendor</i>
<i>Glitter and Gold</i>	<i>Twelve Days of Christmas</i>	<i>White Christmas</i>
<i>Santa's Workshop</i>	<i>Sea Treasures</i>	<i>Victorian Memories</i>
<i>Christmas in the Barn</i>	<i>The Chocolate Tree</i>	<i>A Patriotic Christmas</i>
9. If you would like to participate, but haven't had the spark of creativity yet, please contact our committee. We have tons of ideas just waiting to be put into action!

For more information regarding the Festival of Trees, please contact the Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County, Texas at [info@ellishabitat.org](mailto:info@ellishabitat.org).