



Twinkle, Twinkle!

The holiday season has begun and many people will soon be putting up Christmas trees. Some will use artificial trees, others, real trees. Whatever type of tree people choose to put up, they're sure to add a string or two of lights. Of course, it wasn't always that way.

Back in the 17th century when there was no electricity, people decorated their Christmas trees with candles. The trees were real and the slightest breeze could make the flames flicker and catch a branch on fire. People had to watch their Christmas trees carefully when the candles were lit.

That all changed in 1882, however, when Edward Johnson, an associate of Thomas Edison, made the first string of electric Christmas tree lights. He hand-wired 80 red, white and blue bulbs and wound them around a Christmas tree. Few people noticed, though, until 13 years later when President Grover Cleveland had the White House tree decorated with electric lights.

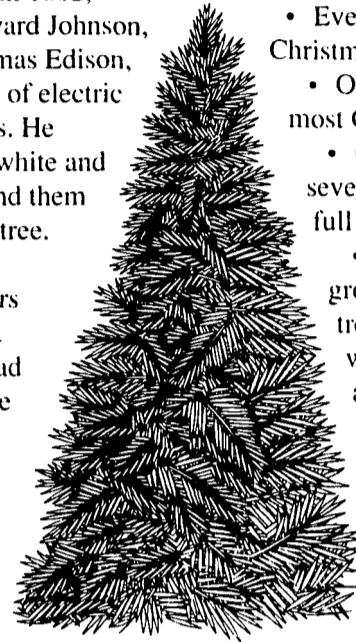
Christmas tree lights have come a long way since the 17th century.

Today we have lights in almost every color, size and shape imaginable. Some stay on all the time, while others flicker or chase each other at the click of a button.

O Christmas Tree

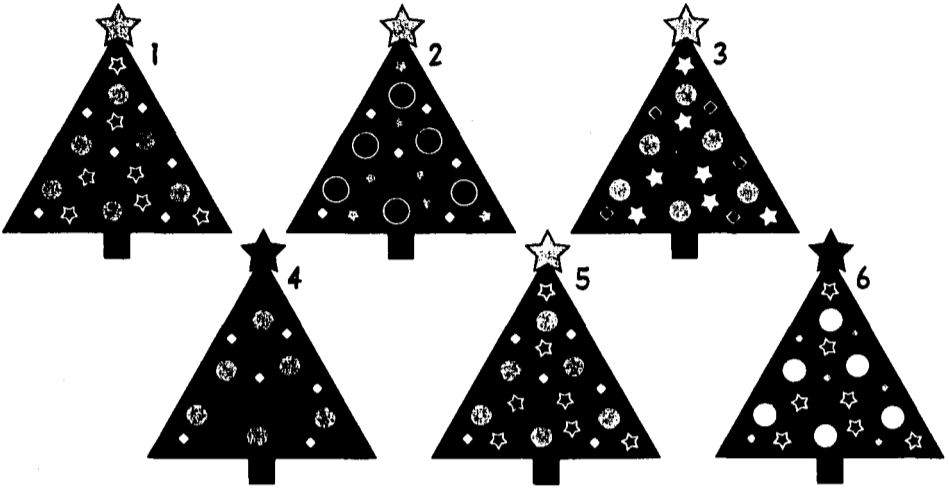
Scotch pine, Douglas fir, Virginia pine and Balsam fir. These are just some of the types of evergreens that make great Christmas trees. Every year, more than 30 million Christmas trees are produced. Here are some more interesting Christmas tree facts:

- Christmas trees were first sold commercially in the United States in 1850.
- Over 100,000 people work in the Christmas tree business.
- Every state grows Christmas trees.
- Oregon produces the most Christmas trees.
- Christmas trees take seven to 10 years to reach full height.
- While they are growing, Christmas trees provide a place for wild animals to live and remove dust and pollen from the air.
- Once the holiday season is over, Christmas trees can be recycled.



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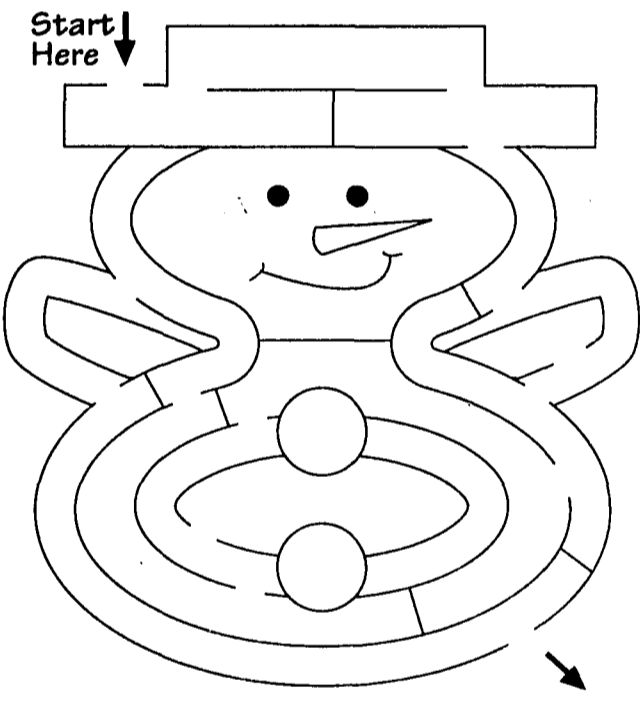
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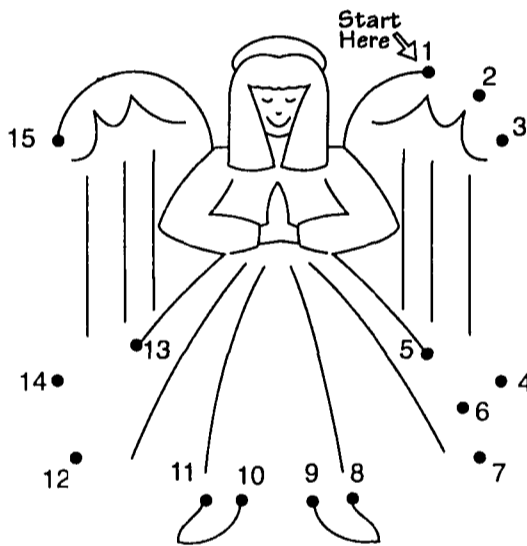
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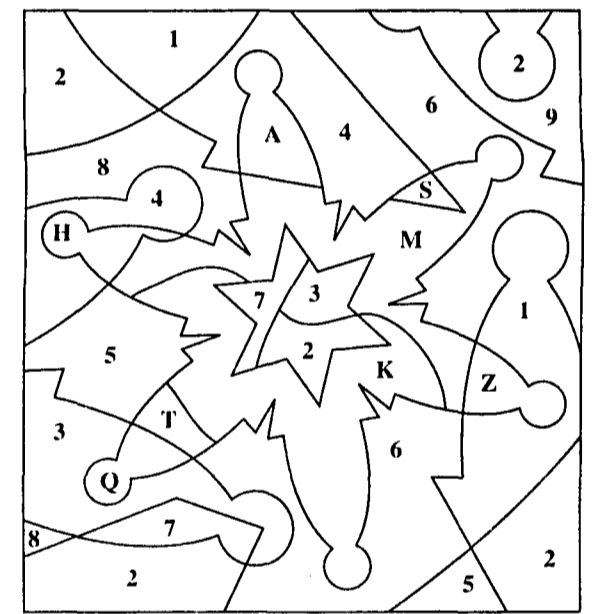
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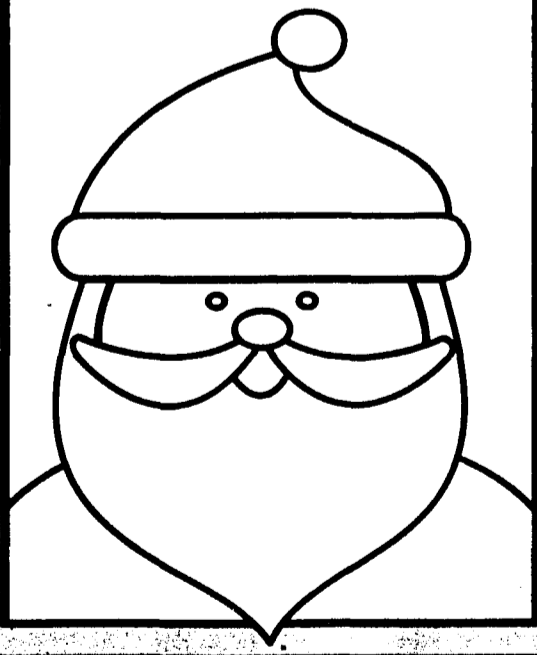


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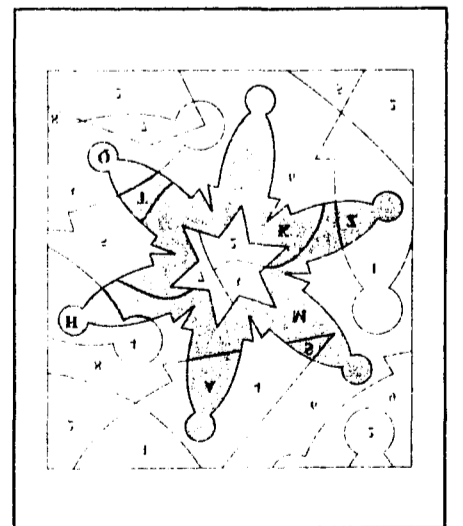
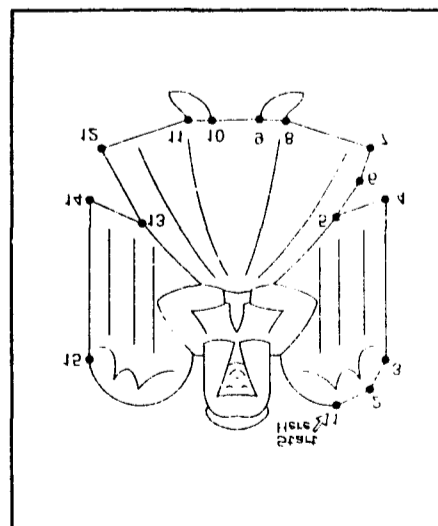
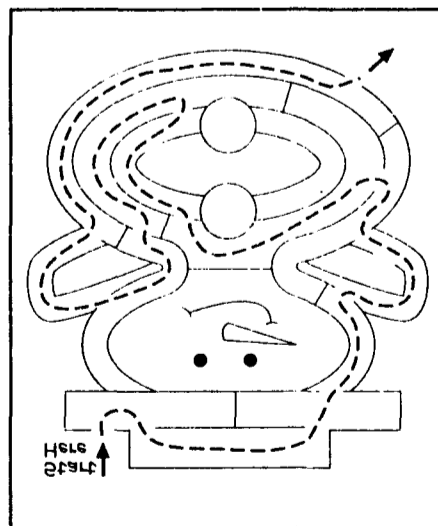


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