

Greetings and Salutations!

(That's super fancy for hello)

It's almost time for *la période del Noël* (that's French for the Christmas season) and you're sure to be planning your fabulous and festive events already. In addition to having a wonderful time with family and friends, the holidays are a great time to do some good in the world.

Give back with a bountiful and bright idea this season: Decorate and donate a Christmas tree to those in need, following the simple steps below.

- ❖ Start by inviting friends and family to help your cause. Make and send your own Fancy Nancy-inspired invitations using the template provided here: www.fancynancyworld.com/pdf/SplendiferousChristmas.pdf
- ❖ Use the activities and suggestions on the following pages to create festive ornaments and fancy decorations. Add other items you might have on hand, like lights, bows, or tinsel.
- ❖ Think about the recipient (that's a fancy word for someone who gets something) of your finished tree. A local children's hospital, homeless shelter, soup kitchen, church, lodge, veterans' organization, library, nursery school, day-care center, or community center might be the place to start. Call or send them an email to find out if they're interested.
- ❖ Some holiday charities, like Toys for Tots, also donate decorated trees to needy families. Call your local chapter or email the national organization to coordinate your contribution.
- ❖ Local churches may also distribute decorated trees to parishioners of limited means. Check with nearby ministries for more ideas and information.
- ❖ If you'd like to do some research on a worthy cause in your area or in the world at large, visit www.charitynavigator.org for information on local and worldwide charities.
- ❖ Don't forget to share your holiday festivities and good works with all your fancy friends. Submit your photos and captions to fancynancy@harpercollins.com.



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