

How to Winterize Your Fig Tree

Civic Works



Materials You Need

- 1) String or twine
- 2) Burlap
- 3) Hay/straw
- 4) Leafs
- 5) White tarp
- 6) Plastic Sheet
- 7) Bricks or stones



The Process

- 1) Wait for all the leaves to fall of the fig tree
- 2) Wrap the branches with several layers of paper or burlap
- 3) Carefully tie the branches together in a bundle
- 4) Wrap or place a small white tarp or oilcloth around the tree
- 5) Wrap the whole tree with a plastic sheet that does not have holes
- 6) Tie string or rope around the whole sheet
- 7) Lay down bricks around the edge of the tarp to keep it from blowing in the wind
- 8) Remove the wrapping in the spring when temperatures are consistently above 30° F

Decorating Your Fig

There are plenty of ways to decorate your Fig tree, these are just some suggestions.

- Ghost Figs: Attach googly eyes to plastic sheet.
 - Glue and eyes are all you need
- Stencils/Tracings: Trace or stencil shapes and forms onto the plastic. You can use sharpies, acrylic markers, or spray paint.
 - Use stencils you have on hand or make your own.
 - You can even print images off the internet and trace around them.
 - Collage to your hearts content
 - Make sure you wear a mask if you use spray paint!
- Snowflakes: For people who want to celebrate the holidays early.
 - Cut out snowflakes out of wax paper and tape them to the plastic.
 - Everyone will have their unique snowflakes
- Polka dots: Something kind of funky.
 - Stencil colorful dots onto your plastic sheets.
 - Best done with spray paint.



All of these are great activities to do with friends or kids or both! Just have fun with it!