

Have a go at Creating a cloved (pomander) orange

I have always made these at Christmas both for myself and as gifts. You can completely cover your orange like the ones in this project or space them and make patterns.

What you will need:

Medium or large size orange – pick one that has a good dimpled surface on it and not too hard – this will make it easier to push the cloves in

Good size bag of cloves (or at least 2 small boxes that you can purchase in a supermarket)

1m of ribbon (1.5cm in width works well)

Time! – these do take a good three weeks to dry, although could be given freshly covered to allow to dry



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.

Take your orange **(1)** find the middle of your ribbon and place it over the top of your orange. **(2)** Turn your orange over and cross the ribbon at the base, **(3)** this will create quarters and tie tightly. Turn the orange back around **(4)** and slip one end of the ribbon under the top **(5)** then follow with the other end of the ribbon **(6)** and knot firmly. You can adjust the ribbons to make sure that the four quarters are more or less equal, then taking your cloves start to push them in. **(7 & 8)** You could push the cloves in following the ribbon down the sides, then create whatever pattern you like, however, I start from the top and pack them in tightly. **(9, 10 & 11)** This does take more time, (allow a good hour of constant clove pushing!) but I like the end result of a jam packed orange! When you are finished the best way to dry your orange is to hang it somewhere warm where the air can get to it. It can take up to a good 3 weeks to harden. Enjoy the smell of Christmas wafting around your house! ©Clare Spender

7.



8.



9.



10.



11.



12.

