

## Norfolk Island Pine

In addition to winter houseplant standards such as Poinsettia, Christmas Cactus, and Thanksgiving Cactus, Norfolk Island Pine is an excellent way to incorporate plants into your holiday decorating scheme.

Norfolk Island Pine, *Araucaria heterophylla*, is an indoor conifer with needle-like leaves and pinnate branches that extend horizontally from the trunk. It requires bright indirect light, cool to average temperatures (60 to 70 degrees F), and partially dry soil. Protect from drafts and heavy handling, as branches that are broken off will not grow back. Fertilize every 4-8 weeks at half the recommended strength from spring through fall, and repot when root bound or to anchor a tall plant. (HW)

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