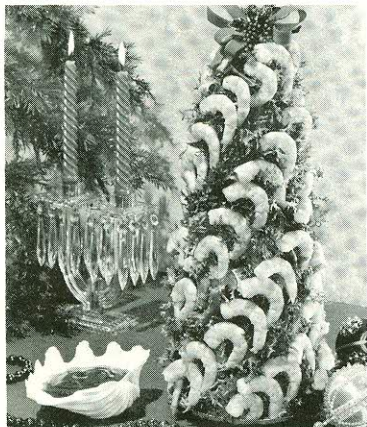


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SHRIMP CHRISTMAS TREE

- 3 pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen
- 2 quarts water
- ½ cup salt
- 4 large bunches curly endive
- 1 styrofoam cone, 2½ feet high
- 1 styrofoam square, 12 x 12 x 1 inch
- 1 small box round toothpicks
- Cocktail sauce

Thaw frozen shrimp. Place shrimp in boiling salted water. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender. Drain. Peel shrimp, leaving the last section of the shell on. Remove sand veins and wash. Chill. Separate and wash endive. Chill. Place cone in the center of the styrofoam square and draw a circle around the base of the cone. Cut out the circle and insert cone. Cover base and cone with overlapping leaves of endive. Fasten endive to styrofoam with toothpick halves. Start at the outside edge of the base and work up. Cover fully with greens to resemble Christmas tree. Attach shrimp to tree with toothpicks. Provide cocktail sauce for dunking. Serves 12. (Photos by Albert Tullier.)

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