

Stovetop Christmas Scent

1 Large Orange

2 Small Lemons

Handful of Cinnamon Sticks or pieces of Cinnamon Sticks

Sprinkle in about 20 whole Allspice or Cloves (whichever you have)

Get a metal pot and fill with water. Place on stove on low-medium heat. Cut up oranges and lemons into wedges and place in pot. Add cinnamon sticks/pieces and Allspice or Cloves then simmer. Smell will permeate throughout your home.

When water gets low, add more, being careful to never let the pot go dry. You can keep refilling with water using the same mixture for two days, then make a fresh batch.

***History of this scent:** I first smelled this scent about 25 years ago when I married into my husband's family, where my Mother-in-law (Eve) would have this simmering on her stovetop. Years later my husband mentioned that he loved this seasonal smell, so I started having my own pot during Christmas. Certain smells bring back memories of home from times past; such as mom's cookies or fresh bread baking. I wanted to carry this smell forward in my own family so that my boys will forever remember the smell of their childhood home at Christmas.*



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