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## PRE-LIT HINGED & WRAPPED TREE ASSEMBLY

### THIS TREE IS FOR INDOOR USE ONLY

Retain carton for storage purposes.

Each carton contains one top section, one bottom section (larger trees include a middle section) and a tree stand. For greater convenience and flexibility we recommend using a multiple socket power strip (not included) when setting up your pre-lit tree. For some trees with many lights, you may want to compliment the power strip with an extension cord to receive the plugs from the upper part of the tree, these trees are connected with one extension cord and the stacks are taped to poll

1. Unfold the tree stand and insert the 3 eye bolts. Remove packing material from ends of poles. Put bottom section pole into tree stand making sure it is seated properly (Figure 1). Tighten eye bolts. Connect ("piggyback") the light set plugs to each other and connect the last plug to free socket of power strip.
2. Mount the middle section of the tree (if included) into the bottom section, keeping the braided lead wires of the light sets near the tree trunk. Piggyback the light string plugs to each other and connect the last plug to a free socket of power strip.
3. Mount the top section, keeping the braided lead wires of the light sets near the tree trunk. Piggyback the light string plugs to each other and connect the last plug to an extension cord or to a free socket of power strip.
4. Plug your power strip and/or extension cords into a standard electrical outlet. Check to see that all light sets are securely stacked and plugged into the power source.
5. Working your way up from the bottom, gently lower all branches from their upright setting (Figure 5). See **Important** note above. Each branch must be shaped to a natural position by spreading out the left and right tips away from the center tip (Figure 6). Tips should also be bent slightly upward to add a more natural looking appearance. For best results, shape your tree while lit. Continue to lower branches on upper section(s) in the same manner. Shape as desired making sure not to place undue pressure on the brackets.

### STORAGE

Remove all holiday decorations. Gently press tips back into center branch. Raise all branches to original upright position taking care not to place undue pressure on the attached ends of the branches. All tree parts can be stored in original carton and should be placed away from heat, in a cool, dry place.

**Important Note** When lowering branches be extremely careful not to tangle wire in gap between branch and bracket.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

(Only cool burning mini lights are suitable for this tree)

## Commercial-quality Construction

- **Lifelike foliage.** Made of fade- and crush-resistant PVC needles, the dense foliage appears fresh-cut. We've even sculpted the branch tips to enhance the trees' realistic appearance.
- **Perfectly even lighting.** Trees are professionally lit so lights are distributed generously and evenly on every radiant tree.
- **Easy set up and storage.** Trees are designed with a hinge construction so they assemble easily, in minutes! When the holidays are over, the hinges simply fold up for storage.
- **Safety-conscious design.** We build our trees using only flame-retardant materials. Sturdy bases and trunks add heft to keep each tree firmly planted in an upright position.
- **Convenience.** We've outfitted trees measuring 6.5 feet and taller with a convenient power strip. Shorter trees feature a 6-foot lead cord.

## Breathtaking Lighting

- **Long-lasting brilliance.** Each lamp shines with rich color and remarkable intensity for more than 3,000 hours. Plus, the string stays lit if one bulb goes out. GKI/Bethlehem Lighting® continues to use 200 mA lamps to ensure the greatest possible brightness.
- **Steadfast reliability.** Our patented external lamp lock prevents loose connections—the most common cause of light set failure. Locked in their sockets, lamps can't come loose.
- **Twist-Proof lamps®** for added security eliminate misaligned wire contacts.
- **Certified safety.** Lights are UL listed.

## New Super-strong Pole and Branch System

### Branches

- The weight of the branch is distributed to the strongest part of the tree, the support pole, eliminating instability.
- Branch system permits heavier gauge wire compared to traditional hinged construction.
- Fewer parts ensure greater reliability.

### Interior Pole

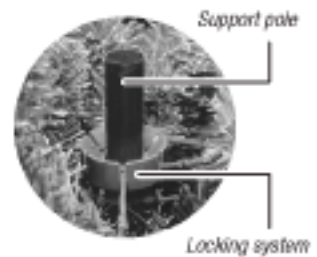
- The interior pole locking system is designed for superior stability increasing the ease of installation and storage.

## How to assemble your wrapped, pre-lighted tree

1. **Select a location.** Position the tree on a level surface, near a power source. If the tree is more than six feet from a wall outlet, you will need an extension cord rated at least 5 amps (8 amps on a 10-foot tree).
2. **Unpack.** Carefully remove the contents of the carton. If a wire gets caught on another piece, **UNTANGLE THE WIRE. DO NOT FORCIBLY REMOVE IT.** Keep the carton for future storage.
3. **Check your inventory.** Package contents should include:
  - Top tree section
  - Middle tree section
  - Bottom tree section (with pointed pole)
  - Metal tree stand
  - Extra replacement bulbs
4. **Assemble the bottom section.** Place the bottom tree section in the tree stand, pointed end down. Tighten the screws in the stand, without over-tightening. Unfold each branch.
5. **Test lights.** Plug the stack of plugs into one outlet of the power strip to test all branches light. If any fail to light, follow the "Troubleshooting" instructions.
6. **Add the middle section.** Place the middle section of the tree on top of the bottom section. Unfold each branch.
7. **Test lights.** Run the middle section light cords (enclosed in plastic sheath) through bottom section as close as possible to the tree trunk. Plug them into a separate outlet on the power strip. If any branches fail to light, follow the "Troubleshooting" instructions.
8. **Add the top section.** Place the top section of the tree on top of the middle section.
9. **Test lights.** Run the top section light cords down through the middle and bottom section as close as possible to the tree trunk. Plug them into a separate outlet on the power strip. If any branches fail to light, follow the "Troubleshooting" instructions.



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## Shaping the tree

The following steps will help make your tree look more realistic.

- Light the tree, so you can easily identify any bulbs that may be dislodged. Push any loose bulbs back into their sockets.
- Separate the branch tips to form a "V" shape and fluff the needles. Make sure each tip is spread out and no 2 branches are touching each other. You may want to wear cotton work gloves when fluffing needles to avoid scratches and skin irritation.
- Starting with the bottom row, position the branches parallel to the floor. Angle the tips slightly upward like they are growing towards the sun. With each successive row, make the upward angle of the branches more pronounced.
- Arrange the uppermost section of the tree so that the tips are evenly spaced and pointing upward.
- Step back and review the tree. Adjust branches and tips as necessary to give the tree a fuller appearance.

## Tree disassembly and storage

1. **Unplug.** Unplug the power strip from the wall outlet. Then unplug the stacks of plugs from the power strip, keeping each stack together.
2. **Disassemble.** Gently lift off and separate the top and middle sections, then remove the bottom section from the tree stand. Turn the bottom and middle sections upside down to close the branches.
3. **Store.** Carefully replace the tree in its box and tape it shut. Store in a cool dry place where temperature does not exceed 100°F.

## Troubleshooting

1. **Check power.** Check that all plugs are plugged into the power source.
2. **Locate problem bulbs.**
  - Locate either the first or last bulb (it doesn't matter which) in a sequence that fails to light.
  - Check all tips on that branch for missing or broken bulbs.
  - Repeat on the adjacent unlit branch.
  - Continue until you locate the problem bulb, then replace it.
3. **Replace bulbs.** Use 2.5 volt 200ma bulbs to achieve the same brightness and long bulb life. If you purchase replacement bulbs that do not feature locking sockets, remove the new bulb from its socket and place it into the GKI/Bethlehem Lighting bulb socket that you removed from the tree.