

spruce

I

[spru:s] *n*

1. *бom.* ель (*Picea gen.*)
spruce bark - еловая кора
2. 1) хвойное дерево
2) древесина хвойных деревьев

II

1. [spru:s] *a*
 - 1) щеголеватый, нарядный, элегантный
 - 2) чистенький, аккуратный
2. [spru:s] *v* (*мж. spruce up*) *разг.*
 - 1) приводить в порядок; наводить блеск; наряжать
to spruce up surrounding neighbourhood - навести чистоту на близлежащих улицах
 - 2) прихорашиваться, наводить красоту, принаряжаться
the girls were all spruced up for the great occasion - девушки принарядились для такого важного случая

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spruce [spruce spruces spruced sprucing] *noun, verb, adjective* *BrE* [spru:ʃ] ^m

NAmE [spru:ʃ] ^m

noun

1. *countable, uncountable* an ↑evergreen forest tree with leaves like needles
2. *uncountable* the soft wood of the **spruce**, used, for example, in making paper

Word Origin:

v. and *adj.* late 16th cent. ↑spruce 'Prussian' spruce (leather) jerkin

n. late Middle English Pruce 'Prussia'

Derived ↑spruce somebody up ▪ ↑spruce up

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spruce
	BrE /spru:s/
	NAmE /spru:s/
he / she / it	spruces
	BrE /spru:sɪz/
	NAmE /spru:sɪz/
past simple, past participle	spruced
	BrE /spru:st/
	NAmE /spru:st/
-ing form	sprucing
	BrE /spru:sɪŋ/
	NAmE /spru:sɪŋ/

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adjective (of people or places)

neat and clean in appearance

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I. **spruce**¹ /spru:ʃ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun* [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: spruce fir 'spruce', from Spruce 'Prussia', former European country, now part of Germany (14-17 centuries)]
a tree that grows in northern countries and has short leaves shaped like needles

II. **spruce**² *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *verb*

[Origin: [1500-1600 From ⇒ ↑spruce³]

spruce up *phrasal verb*

informal to make yourself or something look neater and tidier:

^m Paul went upstairs to spruce up before dinner.

spruce somebody/something ↔ **up**

^m The cottage had been spruced up a bit since her last visit.

III. **spruce**³ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *adjective* *British English*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from Spruce leather 'leather brought from Prussia' (15-18 centuries); ⇒ ↑spruce¹]

neat and clean:

Mr Bailey was looking very spruce in a white linen suit.

—sprucely *adverb*

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RANGE: **8k** **SPRUCE** 1877

spruce 1546

spruces 116

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spruced 116

sprucing 99

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

602 **21174**⁹⁹⁴ *nn1*

122 **53741**¹⁹⁵ *np1*

165 **56372**¹⁷⁸ *vv0*

147 **60938**¹⁵³ *vvi*

24 **153458**²⁶ *jj*
