

Delicious recipes Festive decor Fun DIY projects

Let us help you make your season brighter!



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HOME FOR THE HODE FOR THE HODE SOLUTION A warm welcome to pies and cookies BAKING in the oven, wood crackling in the fireplace, and big hugs from FAMILY and friends. We're ready for it all and more. Thanksgiving through Christmas is all about HOME. It's about decorating and making and CELEBRATING and enjoying. How can you make your home even more special this season? LET US COUNT THE WAYS...

# HANG A WREATH Nothing says "The holidays are here!" better. Count on a wreath to round up feelings of good cheer the moment it goes on display.

# ... AND BRING IN SOME BRANCHES

Thanksgiving decor is as easy as slipping a leafy branch in a hurricane or vase. Twist bittersweet vines around the bottom for an extra splash of fall.

# FRESH TAKE

Pink-tinged Japanese maple leaves and sedum wired to a wreath form display the softer side of autumn color. Hang from a ribbon in a contrasting hue.



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Layer colored tissue paper on top of a square of metallic gold tissue paper. Wrap around a pear, tying tightly at the top with silk cord or ribbon. Cut the excess tissue paper into a leaf shape above the cord or ribbon "stem."



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### **FRAMED SENTIMENTS**

A message board, left—linen-covered foam core in a frameencourages guests to pin their gratitudes. Paper leaves, some cut from pages of old books, provide the jotting space.

### TURKEY TO GO

Leftovers leave in style with turkey, cranberries, and stuffing wrapped in parchment, *above*. Pop in a baguette and a few sides, then package in a takehome box. A parade of family favorites becomes conversation-starters, served buffet-style and IDed on paper leaf shapes, *above*. Elevate dishes on blocks of wood (or stacked cutting boards) and footed plates. For a potluck, step up the presentation by transferring guests' contributions to matching dishes.

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# **CRAFT A** message on napkins and pies.

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Alphabet stamps and white ink brightened with a fabric pen personalize a cloth napkin, *above*. Use alphabet cookie cutters for piecrust letters, *left*. For flexibility, bake independently of the pies.

PUMPKIN

Toast the season with a crowd-pleasing cocktail. Bonus points for a help-yourself bar.



BY THE PITCHER By THE PITCHER Stir up a big-batch cocktail, *this photo*, that can hang out in the fridge so you're not playing barkeep as family rolls in. For extra chill, pop in frozen grapes.

## **CRANBERRY COOLER**

A signature drink makes a party special. Crisp, light Cranberry Chill, *above left*, is winter. Mix 1 part cranberry juice cocktail to 2 parts limeade, then add a splash of champagne or club soda. Garnish with a skewer of berries.

For sparkling swizzle sticks, use rock candy, below. Serve drinks in champagne flutes, which will be tall enough to hold the



# SET IT WITH PINECONES In a blue and white scheme, nature's iconic element is right at home for Christmas, Hanukkah, or a winter party.

## **CHAIR FLAIR**

Dressed-up chairs, this photo, make a big first impression at the table. Lightly spray pinecones white, glue to velvet ribbons, and hang from stick-on plastic hooks.

## WARM WISHES

For party favors or hostess gifts with a handmade touch, wrap velvet ribbon around silver votives, above. Glue on mini pinecones. Done!

Illuminate any spot in your home. Group glass pieces champagne flutes, tumblers, vases—into a collection, pop in candles, and enjoy the flicker.

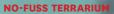
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# A FEW GLISTENING accents will capture the spirit of the season.

Use glass cake stands and compotes as easy-make centerpieces, *above*. Layer with greenery, top with glass and silver ornaments, and tuck in glitter feathers. Or grab a silver tray (trays keep displays orderly) and create a vignette with silvery vessels in different heights and sizes, *below*.





"Plant" evergreen and berry clippings in fake snow in a footed terrarium (or fish bowl), *above*, then drop in ornaments. A stem peeking out the top implies growth.

## **OPEN-AIR SNOW GLOBE**

Line the bottom of a Line the bottom of a clear vase with sheet moss, add bottle brush trees, and dust with fake snow, *this photo*. All the pretty without any shaking!

## DOMED CENTERPIECE

For a centerpiece in seconds, group small collectibles such as vintage ornaments on a plate and top with a cloche, *below*. The lesson? Anything under glass looks special.

# NEED A FESTIVE FOOD GIFT? Candy Cane Popcorn Mix is a sweet surprise.

Melt 1¼ pounds vanillaflavor candy coating. Stir in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup finely crushed candy canes. Pour over a mixture of 7 cups popcorn, 3 cups small pretzel twists, and 2 cups dry-roasted cashews; stir to coat. Spread onto a piece of foil. Sprinkle with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup crushed candy canes. Break into pieces when cool.

# **CLEVER!** A candy cane doubles as a hanger.

Pipe a bead of royal icing along the back of a small candy cane, attach to the back of a cookie, and hold in place to set. Hang on a glass for a fun milk-andcookies presentation.





TAKE IT OUTSIDE A front porch (or a back patio you can see from the kitchen window) deserves a little holiday love.

# WINTRY TABLESCA

A linen-draped table is the foundation for this holiday scene. Group candles in jars and vessels partially filled with fake snow. Add a tabletop tree and a sprinkling of pinecones.

FRESH LAYERS A big wreath and greenery framing the door finish things off. For lushness, wire a medium wreath to the inside of a large one.

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