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The most festive farmhouse ever

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"puppy love."



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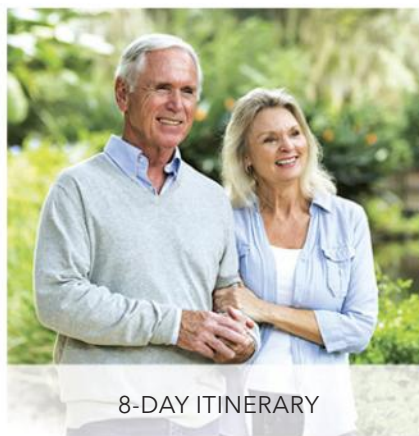
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—Laura Kostelny

For holiday baking recipes, go to countryliving.com/holidaycookies.

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IT'S THE MOST
Wonderful
Dessert
OF THE YEAR

PEPPERMINT BARK
COOKIES AND CREAM
CHEESECAKE

Prep Time: 30 min. | Total Time: 6 hours 35 min. | Makes: 16 servings
(incl. refrigerating)

WHAT YOU NEED

30 OREO Cookies, divided
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
35 starlight mints, divided
4 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
1 pkg. (4 oz.) BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Chocolate
2 oz. BAKER'S White Chocolate

MAKE IT

HEAT oven to 325°F.

USE pulsing action of food processor to process 18 cookies until finely ground. Add butter; mix well. Press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 min.

CRUSH 30 mints, then chop 10 of remaining cookies. Beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Stir in crushed mints and chopped cookies. Pour over crust.

BAKE 55 min. or until center is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate cheesecake 4 hours.

MEANWHILE, crush remaining mints, then chop remaining cookies. Cover baking sheet with parchment. Melt chocolates separately as directed on packages. Spread semi-sweet chocolate into thin layer on prepared baking sheet; top with tablespoonfuls of the white chocolate. Swirl gently with spoon. Top with crushed mints and chopped cookies. Refrigerate until firm.

BREAK chocolate bark into small pieces; sprinkle over cheesecake before serving.

Variation:

Substitute 3/4 cup crushed candy canes for the starlight mints. Reserve 1 Tbsp. crushed candy for sprinkling over the swirled chocolate bark; stir remaining crushed candy into the cheesecake batter before baking as directed.

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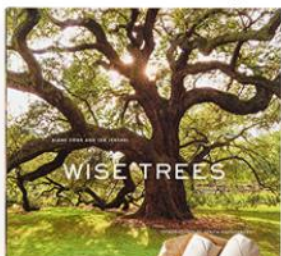


At just ten bucks, this 3-D wooden puzzle is one wise buy. \$10; kikkerland.com



The perfect weekender for a country getaway. (Hint, hint to my family members.) \$125; herschel.com

This beautiful coffee table book features more than 50 majestic trees around the world. \$40; amazon.com



Is there a better dad gift than a salami bouquet? I think not. From \$50; food52.com.



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Editor's Note

Have you ever noticed how the world gets a little quieter after a snowfall? I always assumed it's because everything—or at least my kids' schools and the local Piggly Wiggly—shuts down, but it's not just that. It's nature's acoustics. That's right: There's scientific proof that a few inches of freshly fallen snow absorb sound, and I like to think that seemingly magical, noise-diminishing property is strategically aligned with the hectic holiday season. Snow forces calm and quiet amidst the jingly hustle and bustle. But here's the thing: As an Alabama resident, I'm not even guaranteed a light dusting, let alone a blanket. So I've taken it upon myself to try to carve out a symbolic “snow day” every December—ideally a vacation day taken midweek—to drown out the ceaseless drumming of to-do lists, the mental *pa-rum-pum-pum-pum* of the holidays. Beyond that, there are no real rules other than decidedly *not* checking off my to-do list, and I highly recommend this sort of holiday hooky. Enjoy a double feature. Meander through a holiday market. Sip eggnog at the bar of a local restaurant while re-reading *A Christmas Carol*. Hunt for Shiny Brites, bottle brush trees, or whatever happy sort of antiquing haul transports you back to simpler, less hurried times. I even find that scheduling a snow day somewhere in the middle of my frenzied monthly forecast miraculously melts away surrounding stress and allows me to find more joy in my existing to-dos. So this holiday season, if the noise and the clamor and the hurry-hurry-hurry get to be a bit too much, pencil in some time for yourself, and simply *let it slow, let it slow, let it slow*.

(And for help with that shopping list, check out the finds on this page, then turn to the “A to Z Gift Guide,” page 20—every item is \$50 or less!)

Rachel

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MEET BABY OTTO!

When readers invite us into their homes, as Abby Hoppen (@adventuresinabbyland) did last winter (that's her house on the cover!), they become part of our family. And that family grew by 8 pounds, 11 ounces in July, when Abby gave birth to Baby Otto. Born with a heart condition, sweet Otto was heading into heart surgery just as we were finalizing this issue. Please join me in sending Otto your love, and consider making a donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (rmhc.org), which provides much-needed support to families like Abby's, who have children hospitalized far from home.



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BRING THE OUTSIDE INSIDE

Turn the page to see how this snowy scene inspired a merry little mudroom.

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The Check List



THE INSPIRATION
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store online at
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2

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American-grown
cotton!

Fill with
fresh-cut
greenery.



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5

Almost 4 feet
long!

7



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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VISIT

Modern Mercantiles

The spirit of the old-fashioned general store lives on, thanks to these newcomers. (Tip: They're all great resources for distinctive gifts.)



LOSTINE, OR
M. Crow & Co. is a century-old store recently revitalized by artist Tyler Hays.
mcrowcompany.com



WILSON, AR
Shop country spoils curated by singer-songwriter Holly Williams at **White's Mercantile**.
whitesmercantile.com



PAWHUSKA, OK
Find all of *The Pioneer Woman* Ree Drummond's favorite gifts and goods at **The Mercantile**.
themercantile.com



LAUREL, MS
HGTV stars Erin and Ben Napier's **Laurel Mercantile** offers hometown wares like totes and tea towels.
laurelmercantile.com

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WREATHS

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- 2. If you find... FLUFFY TINSEL** Wrap a 16-inch Styrofoam wreath form with tinsel, using U-shaped wire greening pins to secure ends.
- 3. If you find... OLD SHEET MUSIC** Cut four sheets (preferably holiday carols!) into 1/2-inch strips and wrap around a 12-inch Styrofoam wreath form, attaching with clear Scotch tape.
- 4. If you find... BOXES OF SHINY BRITES** Wrap a Styrofoam wreath form with ribbon and use greening pins to attach different shapes and sizes of ornaments. To cover a 16-inch form, you'll need about 100 ornaments.

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5. Beaded Faux Fur Pillow \$40; *pier1.com* **6. Furry Bench** \$125; *overstock.com* **7. Sheepskin Throw** \$95; *the-citizenry.com* **8. Lamb Rocker** \$399; *rhbabyandchild.com* **9. 16" Flokati Stool** \$80; *worldmarket.com*

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THESE

LIFE HACKS WILL MAKE YOU UNSTOPPABLE

SOMETIMES THE SMALLEST EFFORTS CAN PAY OFF IN A BIG WAY



CLEAN UP IN A SNAP

The key to removing your four-legged friend's fur from upholstery? Simply dampen a rubber glove, then rub it over the fabric.



KEEP VASES ON HAND

Tired of looking for the perfect hostess gift? Stock up on inexpensive vases or pretty containers at flea markets. When you receive your next dinner party invite, make an arrangement using grocery store-purchased flowers. Your hostess won't have to worry about finding a vase for the flowers, and she'll be left with a reminder of your thoughtfulness.



LIFE HACKS FROM COUNTRY LIVING EDITORS

"I pack enough grab-and-go lunches for the whole week before Monday arrives. Getting those few extra minutes back makes a big difference during my morning rush."

ERYNN HEDRICK HASSINGER
DESIGN DIRECTOR

"We just painted our kitchen, and one trick we learned is to wrap wet paint brushes in foil or plastic wrap and put them in the refrigerator. The cool air kept the paint wet and saved us the trouble of washing out our brushes between each coat."

KATIE BOWLBY
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

"Whenever I park at the airport, I take a picture of the closest parking sign. After all, a picture is worth a thousand...steps wandering aimlessly in search of your car!"

MADELEINE FRANK REEVES
SENIOR EDITOR



↑ WRAP WITH FABRIC SCRAPS

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Narragansett Green
Benjamin Moore

▲ LESS IS MORE

The Shaker-inspired guest rooms boast two-toned beadboard, sweet lace window treatments, and mid-century iron bed frames. In the bathrooms, you'll find weathered brass and a luxe rain shower for maximum post-ski relaxation.

Checking In

What does it take to turn a 1950s mountain motel into a luxe lodge? How about a top-to-bottom overhaul, complete with cozy, two-toned beadboard, brand-new baths with patinaed brass fixtures, Charles P. Rogers iron beds, and custom Woolrich throws. Renovated just this year and conveniently situated a block from Jackson's Town Square (and near three renowned ski destinations, as well as Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks), the casually stylish Anvil Hotel is a well-priced and well-appointed home base for both active and leisure pursuits. Warm up for either with a hearty helping of house-made pasta at Italian eatery Glorietta. Rates from \$195 per night; anvilhotel.com

Bobble Hat \$40;
joulesusa.com



Cardigan \$139;
woolrich.com

Luggage Tag \$14;
holtzleather.com



Mountain Necklace \$54;
padgetthoke.com



Pennant \$30; madeinjacksonhole.com



Weekender \$98;
krochetkids.org



Saela Boot \$170; ugg.com



▲ WARM WELCOME

Whether you're an overnight guest or a visitor passing by, all are welcome inside the Anvil's general store-like main lobby. Duck in for a cup of Snake River Roasting Co. coffee or a treat from local bakery Persephone, and shop goods curated by outdoor-chic outfitter Westerlind.

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Ceramic Cookie Jar \$15;
worldmarket.com



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Thermos \$19;
poshtottydesigns.com



Bookends
\$45; *houzz.com*



Hand Towels \$25 for two;
pomegranateinc.com

Dd dog



Après-fetch, anyone? Pamper your pooch with cheeky ski "doggles" and digs.



Goggles Toy
\$8; petsmart.com



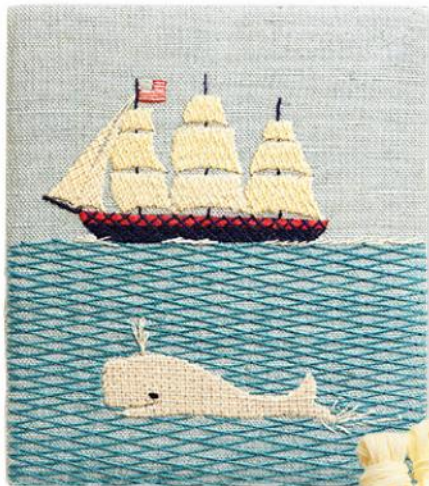
15 inches tall

Chalet
\$40; petsmart.com

Ee embroidery

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Ship-n-Whale Crewel Kit \$20; purlsoho.com



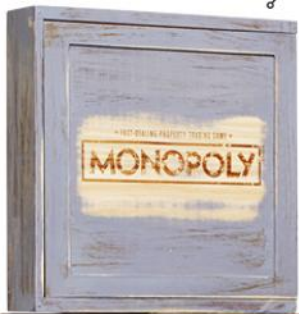
Kit comes with all the yarn you need.



Ff flannel

A fun pick for fashion-minded teens: this little-bit-country take on a clutch.

Clutch \$32; madejacksonhole.com



Even the houses and dice are made of wood!



Gg game

Score! This so-country collection of classic board games—Candyland, Scrabble—features pretty wood finishes.

Rustic Games from \$18-\$50 each; target.com



G IS ALSO FOR...

gift tag

Dress up brown paper packages with these embellishments.



Whimsical
\$6 for 6; smudgeink.com



Cheeky
\$7 for 10; detroitcardco.com



Rustic
\$22 for 9; moodforwood.etsy.com



Vintage-y
\$18 for variety pack of 15; felixdoolittle.com

Tinged with mint, it's a Southern spin on gin!



Hh hooch

Raise the bar with these boozy gifts.

Seersucker Gin \$29; totalwine.com. **Serving Tray** \$30; easytigerco.com. **Engravable Wood Muddler** \$30; aheirloom.com. **Horseshoe Cocktail Picks** \$12; sideshowpress.com. **Gold Trim Glasses** \$25 for 2; plumandpunch.com. **Chambray Cocktail Napkins** \$34 for 6; basshu.com.



Brand the eggs with your name!

Ii ink

More bang for the cluck: hand-stamped farm-fresh eggs (and cartons) that really lay on the charm.

Custom Egg Stamp from \$22 and Custom Carton Stamp from \$40; boxwoodavenue.com



Comes with a compass, a whistle, a journal, and more

Adventure Kit \$50; seedling.com



Etched Blocks \$49; landofnod.com

Stuffed Chicken \$30; amazon.com

Jj junior

These imagination-fueling finds may just convince them to step away from a screen.



Wearable Lion Mane \$20; shopmerimeri.com



Canvas Superhero Capes \$54; greenergrasshandmade.com



Use code CL10OFF for 10% off.





Kk kite

This friendly frequent flier is handmade with silk and bamboo.

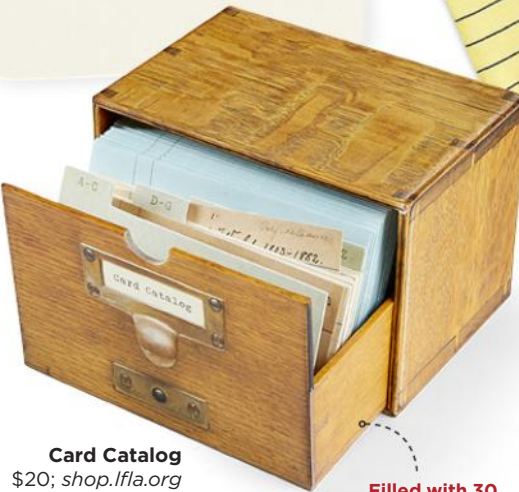
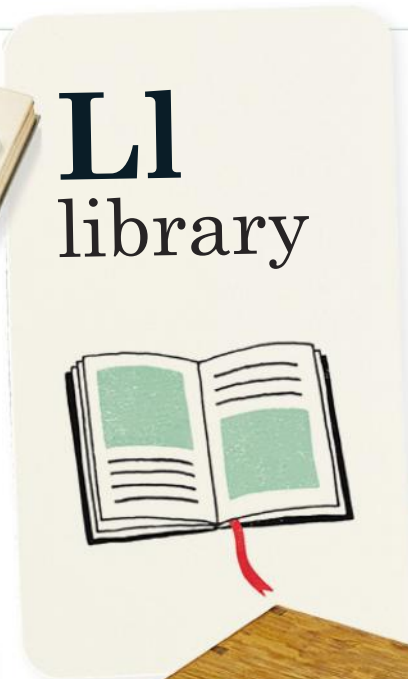
Owl Kite \$28; hapticlab.com



"From the Library of..." Stamp
\$25; kelseypike.etsy.com

Book Necklace
\$44; nubegreen.com

Choose their favorite book!



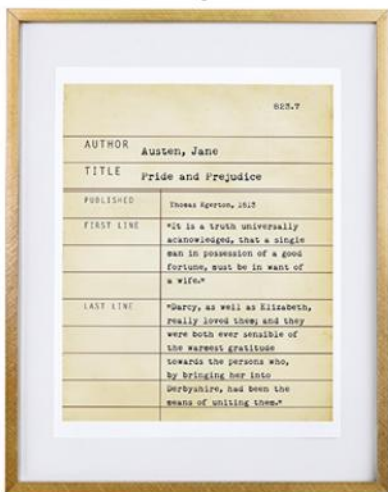
Card Catalog
\$20; shop.lfla.org

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Socks \$13; modcloth.com



Library Card Print \$12 (unframed); foliocreations.etsy.com



Library Candle \$25; shop.coolmaterial.com

Mm

moo

Nn

neigh

Oo

oink

What, you didn't think we'd omit farm animals from our gift guide, did you? Stock up right here! (While you're at it, consider a gift donation to farmsanctuary.com, the country's leading farm animal shelter.)



iPhone Case
\$40; kristianahowell.com



Figurine
\$48; horchow.com



Piggy Bank
\$15; plantoy.com



Ride-On Inflatable Toy
\$45; trumpette.com



Hobby Horse
\$39; landofnod.com



Glasses Holder \$36;
uncommongoods.com



Napkins \$22 for 4;
ohlittlerabbit.com



Plate \$38; whiteswanstudio.etsy.com



Juice Glass
\$7; fishseddy.com



Mug
\$20; sirmadam.com



Tote \$24;
sashandbowboutique.com



Towel Wrap
\$45; landofnod.com

Pp picnic

These single-serving baskets also make for sweet desk organizers.

"Piki" Baskets \$29 each; olliellausa.com



Available in five colors!

Qq quill

The humble hedgehog is spiking in popularity. Case in point: these prickly picks.



Corkboard
\$38; katespade.com



Notepad
\$8; nightowlpapergoods.com



Planter
\$15; plumandpunch.com



Hand Towels \$16 each; foxyandwinston.com



Rr radio

In a retro teal, this lightweight, smartphone-compatible, AM/FM soundpiece is a pitch-perfect pick for music-loving nostalgists.

Radio \$31; houzz.com

Ss stocking stuffer

Supplement the requisite chocolates, clementines, and candy canes with a few delightful standouts **all under \$20**. (They also make for good Secret Santa standbys.)

QUIRKY KEYCHAINS



Mix Tape \$18; bando.com



Key \$12; areaware.com



Ginger Jar \$15; idlewildco.com

NIFTY TOOLS



Trowel Bottle Opener \$20; fredandfriends.com



All-in-One Card \$15; ghbass.com



Bird Bike Tool \$15; kikkerland.com

CHANGE PURSES



Thermos \$16; littlemanoriginals.com



Typewriter \$11; oreoriginals.com



Books \$6; ohhelloco.com

FUN GAMES



Trivia \$9; chroniclebooks.com



Paddle Ball \$5 each; daytripsociety.com



Memory Set \$20; treehoppertoys.com

ENAMEL PINS



Boots \$6; explorerspress.com



Campfire \$10; thesearethings.com



Thermos \$9; fairgoods.com

Tt



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Embossing Rolling Pin
\$40; humbleelephant.com



Evergreen Pillow from \$30;
shop.threebadseeds.com



Trunk Candle
\$45; food52.com

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Coasters
\$28 for 4; poketo.com



Camping Glasses
\$48 for 4; counter-couture.com

Uu

umbrella

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Floral
\$48; katespade.com



Apple
\$19; hatley.com



Marching Band
\$39; cathkidston.com



Bumblebee
\$15; skiphop.com



2-Carrot Earrings
\$45; wolljewelry.com



Beet Bag
\$18; rangemarktextiles.com



Vv

vegetable

Hardly garden variety, this quirky crop will please growers of all species.



"Big Dill" Onesie \$26;
theneighborgoods.com



Chocolate "Brussels Sprouts"
\$9; worldmarket.com



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Ww windmill

An easy-breezy hostess-gift strategy: Fill this ceramic, 12-inch-high vase with the recipient's favorite blooms.

Windmill Vase \$56; belleandunion.com

W IS ALSO FOR... wrapping

Consider these picks the paper equivalent of "festive attire."



Jingle Bells
\$4.50 for one 20" by 30" sheet; amyheitman.com



Ribbon Candy
\$6.50 for two 20" by 30" sheets; snowandgraham.com



Menorahs
\$9 for a roll; papersource.com



Yy yarn

Perfect for wannabe knitters: a stress-free slipper kit with all the essentials. (Available in 12 colors, and the packaging is cute to boot.)

Slipper Kit from \$24; us-stitchandstory.com



Zz ZZZZZ'S

This gingham "Hush, Y'all" travel set says, "Leave me be, chatty seatmate," but in the most polite way possible.

Travel Set \$48; draperjames.com





Bows

\$8 for two 20" by 29" sheets;
smartyantpaper.com



Cookies

\$4.50 for 20" by 30" sheet;
amyheitman.com



Xx

xylophone

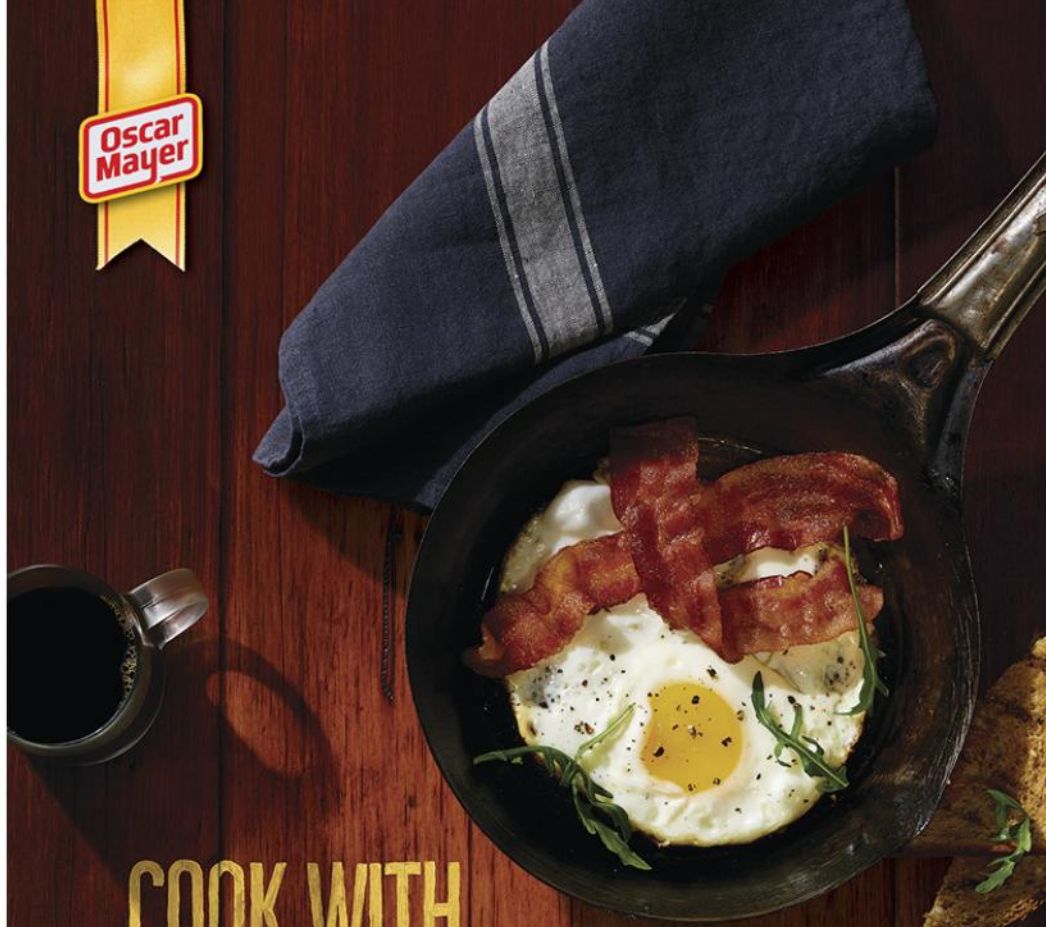
A hue-biquitous childhood toy, appropriately punctuated with whimsical clouds.

Rainbow Xylophone
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The Field Guide

DECORATING IDEAS FOR THE GREAT INDOORS

How to stock up on stockings (p. 50), decorate with pattern (p. 40), and more!

Wild for...

Tartan

Dating back to the 17th century, the Scottish checked pattern has serious staying power, even in its modern-day interpretations.

For more tartan decor, see p. 88.

For resources, see p. 110.

1

UPHOLSTERED WALLS

Wall-to-wall custom plaid fabric packs a punch in this bedroom. For a similar wallpaper, check out Thibaut's "Winslow Plaid"; wallpaperdirect.com.



2

Flannel Pajamas

The whole clan can settle in for a long winter's nap in these cozy nightshirts. \$15-\$25; target.com



3

SEWING BUTTONS

Add flair to holiday wear with these tiny tartan rounds. \$20 for a set; thehaberdasheryshop.etsy.com



Buttons come in one-of-a-kind sets of 16.

5

PAPER LANTERNS

At roughly \$1.50/orb, they're your best hang for the buck. \$10 for set of six; orientaltrading.com



4

BAY-LEAF WREATH

A wrap-around ribbon makes it a front-door knockout. From \$50; williams-sonoma.com



6

D'orsay Pumps

Scot to trot: These red-and-blue shoes boast not-too-high heels.

\$80; solesociety.com



BEDROOM, ERIC PIASECKI; DESIGNER, ANTHONY BARAITTA; WREATH AND BUTTONS, BRIAN WOODCOCK.

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HOLIDAY MUG

It pairs well with multiple viewings of *It's a Wonderful Life*. \$19; seltzergoods.com



9

Quilted Vest

Take on the elements in this pretty plaid puffer. \$138; jcrew.com



8

CANOPY BED

A swath of plaid fabric adds an elegant touch to James F. Carter's architecture. (Try scotlandshop.com for fabrics; wayfair.com for a similar bed frame.)



10

FESTIVE COOKWARE

Dress up family favorites in a new collection by Le Creuset. \$130-\$380; williams-sonoma.com

11-13

SCOT-O-MANS

Kick up your feet—or set down a drink—on these versatile accents.



Square

\$182; wayfair.com



Round

\$950; pendleton-usa.com



Skirted

\$249; houzz.com

BEDROOM: ANNIE SCHLECHTER; ARCHITECT: JAMES CARTER; DESIGNER: JANE HAWKINS HOKE.



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Looking Up

A coat of paint on the ceiling (Yarmouth Blue by Benjamin Moore) makes the open, airy lodge feel a bit more cozy.



Best in Show

Ski Lodge Living Room

In the mountains of Utah, designer Anthony Baratta warms up an après-ski setting with lumberjack fabrics, dramatic fixtures, and a light dusting of kitsch.

COUNTRY CLASSIC BUFFALO CHECK

First introduced as a shirt design by Woolrich Woolen Mills in 1850, the iconic fabric has since graced everything from flannel to, yes, furniture. Try it on a curvy or streamlined silhouette to keep the look more tailored and less “Paul Bunyan’s Man Cave.”

Buffalo Plaid Sofa, from \$1,819; rogerandchris.com



Pile on pattern: Graphic black and white plays well with buffalo check. \$45; finnandtatequilts.etsy.com

STYLIST SECRET PLAYFUL PATINA

In a recreational space, consider using vintage games as conversation pieces. Here, antique French bowling pins (also known as “skittles”) stand up to the get-’em-talking task.

French Bowling Pins, \$89 for set of 10; attic-antics.com



EASY UPGRADE PATTERNED RUG

Famed wool company Pendleton is known for its saturated, Navajo-print patterns, and this rug’s hand-dyed hues set a warm, welcoming tone from the ground up.

Third Phase Crosses Rug, starting at \$430; pendleton-usa.com



BRIGHT IDEA OLD-TIMEY LANTERN

High ceilings call for dramatic, oversize lighting (the antique-looking fixture above is 23 inches tall)—and a dark bronze shade helps offset the lofty space. Even better? A pair!

Hanging Lantern, \$377; lanternandscroll.com

BY THE NUMBERS

16

Minimum height of a trunk, in inches, to use as a coffee table in front of a sofa

THE SHOWSTOPPER QUILT BLOCKS

Large-scale quilt patterns are an easy answer to the eternal what-to-hang-above-the-fireplace question.

2' x 2' Framed Quilt Blocks, \$100 each; *sophisticated* hibbily.etsy.com



SMART SWAP DECORATIVE FIRE SCREEN

Up a room’s alpine appeal with a woody scene backdrop lit by glowing embers.

Mountain Cabin Fire Screen, \$180; plowearth.com



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC PIA SECKI; DESIGNER: ANTHONY BARATTA; BOWLING PINS, QUILT BLOCKS, AND FIRE SCREEN, BRIAN WOODCOCK

Appraisals

What Is It? What Is It Worth?

From old Saint Nicks to dated dioramas, our antiques experts weigh in on your prized finds.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF...

The Radio Flyer Wagon

WHAT IT'S WORTH:

Up to \$300

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Italian immigrant Antonio Pasin came from a long line of cabinet makers, but when he arrived in Chicago at the age of 16, his tinkering veered from furniture to a wooden wagon named the "Liberty Coaster" in honor of the welcoming Statue of Liberty. It was a huge hit, and in 1917, the Liberty Coaster Mfg. Co. was born. On a mission to provide affordable wagons "for every boy, for every girl," Antonio eventually moved from wood to steel and mass production. A decade later, he invented his iconic Radio Flyer, named to reflect his fascinations with the radio and flight. In 1930, he renamed his company Radio Steel & Manufacturing. The wagon has since evolved to reflect the changing times, but still, 100 years later, Antonio's little red wagon is as appealing and popular as ever.



This early 1970s version boasts bigger and better wheels and a new and improved patented "Fit-Grip Handle."

STYLING BY LEAH DANKERTSON; VINTAGE WAGON COURTESY OF RADIO FLYER.

Radio Flyer On a Roll

Here's a look at some of the brand's signature models.

1917

Antonio's original wooden **Liberty Coaster** launches his new toy company.



1940s

The streamlined **De Luxe Scooter** is one of many extensions of the Radio Flyer collection.



1960s

The classic wagon goes all-terrain with the rugged **Town & Country** version.



This electrical manger scene really lights up!



“Every Christmas, my grandparents displayed this nativity beneath their tree. I assume it’s from the late ’40s or ’50s. Was this a fairly common piece?” —L.K., BELLEVILLE, IL

WHAT IT IS:
Musical Diorama

Your estimation is correct! Your piece was manufactured in the 1950s by Royal Electric Company Inc., a Rhode Island company that made everything from fuses to Christmas lights. Says appraiser Helaine Fendelman, “Royal Electric made a variety of dioramas like yours with wind-up music boxes, rubber and celluloid figures, and even some with removable, hard-plastic Santa figures.” Unfortunately, these pieces aren’t all that rare, so that affects the value.

WHAT IT’S WORTH:
\$50

“I recently found this awesome coat for \$10 at Goodwill. Do you have any idea what it might be worth?” —C.D., MADISON, WI

WHAT IT IS:
Hudson’s Bay Coat

Great news! *Antiques Roadshow’s* Marsha Bemko consulted appraiser Steven Porterfield of The Cat’s Meow, who tells us you made a smart buy. “This company’s blankets have had a reputation for great quality since 1780,” he says. “They’re beautifully constructed and very warm and durable.” He notes that Hudson’s Bay began making coats in the 1990s, when they sold for \$950. While they’re no longer worth that much, you’ve still benefitted 50 times over on your \$10 investment.

WHAT IT’S WORTH:
\$500

Established in the late 1700s, the company still makes products today (thebay.com).



“Can you provide any information on this charming Santa? The back states it was made in the USA, but that’s about all we know about it.” —B.T., SAGINAW, MI

WHAT IT IS:
Victorian Santa Mask

Heritage Auction appraiser Marsha Dixey says that based on your mask’s lithograph printing and Victorian style, it was likely made around 1910. During that time, many department stores—and even legendary motel and restaurant chain Howard Johnson’s—distributed pieces like this to kids as promotional gimmicks. Most examples from this time have some sort of advertising on the back, although yours does not.

WHAT IT’S WORTH:
\$35

NATIVITY AND COAT: BRIAN WOODCOCK

1999
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2017
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“My family has always used these glasses during the holidays. I’d love to know more about them!”

—E.H., SIKESTON, MO

WHAT IT IS:
Night Before Christmas
Glassware

According to appraiser Bene Raia, your glassware dates back to the 1950s and got its name from the iconic holiday poem by Clement Clarke Moore published in 1823. Each glass boasts one of the verses of the poem etched in green writing on its base. Says Bene, “The red enamel illustration on each glass corresponds to the verse.” Because you have a complete set of eight, your set is worth a congratulatory sip of eggnog!

WHAT IT’S WORTH:
\$100



“I love this vintage toy truck. Can you tell me how old it is and how much it’s worth?”

—T.P., BOISE, ID

WHAT IT IS:
Model Delivery Truck

Yes! We spoke to Heritage Auctions’ Marsha Dixey, who says your toy appears to be a Buddy L. Coca-Cola delivery truck that was made in the late 1970s to the early ’80s. Says Marsha, “Made in Japan, they were mass produced and not limited edition. You could find them in toy stores, stocked with replica bottles in crates stored inside.” So while it’s not worth a great deal today, she adds that with the original box and the bottles, it would be worth more than double.

WHAT IT’S WORTH:
\$15

Standing 3 feet tall, Santa proudly greets passersby.



“I found this fun Santa at a garage sale for just \$5! Would it hurt it to spray it with polyurethane?”

—G.H., RICHLAND, MI

WHAT IT IS:
Die-cut Santa

“This looks just like the one we had when I was a kid,” says Marsha Dixey. She tells us that these die-cut wooden examples were sold individually or in a set, often at hardware stores, and intended to display out in the yard, or even up on the roof—near the chimney, of course! She says your Santa can certainly be polyurethaned to protect its painted finish, especially if you put your jolly fella outside.

WHAT IT’S WORTH:
\$250



Worth the Trip

Here’s where to hunt for your next treasure.

Kane County Flea Market

St. Charles, Illinois

Hit the fairgrounds to find one-of-a-kind vintage gifts for everyone on your list. December 2-3; kanecountyfleamarket.com

Fremont Sunday Market

Seattle, Washington

Stroll and shop vendors of antiques, artisanal items, and estate sale treasures at this year-round European-style street market. December 3, 10, 17; fremontmarket.com

Scott Antique Markets

Atlanta, Georgia

With two large buildings and thousands of dealers, this monthly indoor-outdoor show is a favorite of decorators and junkers alike. December 7-10 (sister show in Columbus, OH, December 16-17); scottantiquemarket.com

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1. **Silver Flecked** Cody Foster & Co.; 402-376-3369 for stores 2. **Indigo** \$99; meridianny.com 3. **Boot** \$38; chandler4corners.com 4. **Handmade Felt** \$79; arcadiahomeinc.com 5. **Denim** \$14; wrangler.com 6. **Woolen Sweater** \$38; shopterrain.com 7. **Striped** \$50; pendleton-usa.com 8. **Buffalo Check** \$35; faribaultmill.com 9. **Embroidered Owl** Cody Foster & Co.; 402-376-3369 for stores 10. **Peppermint Knit** \$25; crateandbarrel.com

Hang 'Em with Care

Just a nail? Nah. Try a hook that's a little more decorative.



Snowflake
\$13; kirklands.com



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thecompanystore.com



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\$10; target.com

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◀ Brenham, TX \$499,000

Your guests won't want to leave this three-bedroom, four-bath historical farmhouse—a former bed-and-breakfast with a wine cellar, enclosed pool, and bedroom suites with bathrooms and fireplaces. Agents: Susan Kiel and Savannah Gutierrez; marketrealty.com

These eaves were made for wreaths.



▲ Sherburne, NY \$175,000

In this Gothic Revival, carved double doors open to reveal an impressive interior, which boasts four bedrooms, one-and-a-half bathrooms, plus plenty of pocket doors and a butler's pantry original to the 1890s home. Agent: Linda Munro; northeastrealty.net

New Haven, CT ▶ \$495,000

Built in 1876, this five-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath residence is an exceptional example of high-style Victorian Gothic architecture. Don't miss the full-size, wood-and-rope elevator that still works! Agent: Tony Nuzzo; williampitt.com



Clarksville, VA \$225,000 ▶

In addition to five bedrooms, four bathrooms, and eight fireplaces, the Morton-Sizemore house also boasts a guest cottage and a smokehouse on the grounds. Agents: Jennie Dotts and Lise Burnett; virginiapropertiesrealestate.com and century21onthelake.com



▲ Crystal Springs, MS \$283,000

With its tall ceilings and majestic Eastlake-style staircase, this four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath home is brimming with Victorian-era grandeur. Hang stockings on the marble mantel-piece, and display the tree in the fanciful octagonal tower. Agent: Betty Cline; clinerealtyllc.net



◀ Bamberg, SC \$325,000

Old ceiling beams in the kitchen were uncovered during the recent renovation of this four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath home. You'll be dazzled by the 16 unique chandeliers and the airy sleeping porch that offers views of the pretty backyard. Agent: Carolyn Day; bhhscre.com

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- have fever, chills, or any other signs or symptoms of infection
- have liver problems
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What other medications might interact with KISQALI?

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What should I avoid while taking KISQALI?

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What laboratory tests do I need if I am prescribed KISQALI?

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General information about the safe and effective use of KISQALI

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The Collecting Life Playing for Keeps

CL Contributor **Mary Randolph Carter** revels in the joy of gifting vintage toys.

For me, holiday season means it's time for one-of-a-kind gift hunting, especially for the young'uns on my list.

When our two sons were growing up, I wanted to give them something special and memorable every year. So after all the *Star Wars* action figures and Lego sets were opened, there was always one final gift "wrapped" in an old paper bag or camouflaged under a blanket. The boys immediately knew that was the "Mom-find"—an object more than likely found at an antiques store, flea market, or swap meet rather than the local mall. One year, there was a soap box pedal car made out of an old rusty box. Throughout the years, there were old Radio Flyer wagons, miniature cars, wooden blocks of all shapes and sizes, puzzles (missing a piece or two), and parts of train sets. Once they even received an old suitcase filled with Lincoln Logs.

Now that my boys are grown, I'm still using the holiday season to add to their vintage toy collections, but I'm also starting new ones for all my young great-nieces and -nephews. When you start your own search, keep in mind that some toys can be overly worn, rusty, or even a little crusty, so a good scrub is definitely part of the gift-giving process. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for vintage wrapping papers, ribbons, string, stickers, and tags, as well as quaint little boxes and containers (lunch boxes are great!) to make your gift giving truly out of the ordinary. Otherwise, there's no shame in going with a plain old paper bag!



"Carter" is the author of multiple books about collecting, including *Never Stop to Think... Do I Have a Place for This?*

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What could be finer than a Mouseketeer beanie decorated with Cracker Jack charms?



Our sock puppet collection began with one made by my grandmother.



This puzzle made a dog-loving child very happy!



This silly waddler dates back to the 1940s.

Sometimes, I double up, as with these blocks in a vintage lunch box.



I added some old cars to this vintage service center.



Okay, I couldn't part with this John Deere pedal tractor, now a piece of folk art in my studio.



Perfect for a PB&J or just to display, I love this Curious George metal lunch box.



Animal House

Life with Pets

This month: Our Country Vet addresses your holiday-related head-scratchers. Plus: gifts that will get tails wagging.

THE DOG

Brody, a dapper tri Australian shepherd, bundles up for outdoor adventure in a cozy plaid scarf. (See page 60 for more ways to pamper your pet.)

THE DIGS

Classic black French doors are even more inviting when adorned with red wellies, log-filled Coca-Cola crates, and brown paper packages.





Dress Up Your Holidays

Get creative with crisp, oval Town House crackers and your favorite toppings.



PET GIFTS

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FOR CATS

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FOR DOGS

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FOR HORSES

Yep, now you can even pony up for apple oat horse treats, saddle soaps, and hoof conditioners. **Saddle Box**, \$35 per month; saddlebox.net



Ask a Country Vet

Animal expert **DR. TRICIA EARLEY** answers questions about mischievous kittens, party-going pups, and goats who are picky eaters.

Q Our family got a kitten this summer, so this will be our first Christmas with her in our home. What precautions should we take with holiday decorations? Are the days of festive tinsel and string lights over now that we have a pet?

S.F., Sour Lake, TX

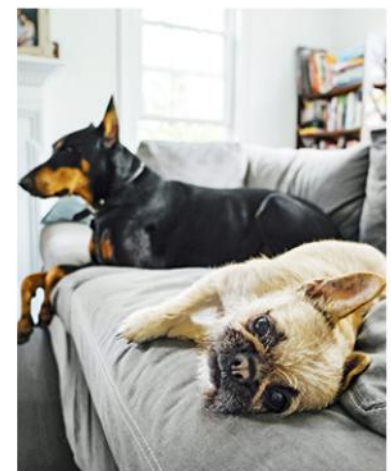
A Many cats, especially young cats, see Christmas decorations as toys. But sadly, the pretty details can cause a lot of harm. Take tinsel: Because it's so reflective and shiny, it's particularly irresistible for many felines, and unfortunately, the most common cat emergency room visits that we see during the holidays

are due to tinsel ingestion. Once eaten, this linear object can adhere under the tongue or in the stomach and then cause a dangerous obstruction—often requiring a surgical procedure for removal. Chewing lights is another source of holiday danger. Cats risk severely burning their mouths or possibly electrocution. Even unlit trees can be a threat when unanchored, as cats like to climb and chew. You should also restrict access to the tree water, as pine oils can be an irritant. If you have a curious kitten, consider spraying a few pine cones with apple cider vinegar and placing them at the base of the tree. Cats generally hate the scent and will likely

avoid the area. A few simple precautions will ensure you have a merry Christmas instead of a bah-humbug holiday in the ER.

Q We have two dogs, and many of our family and friends have pets. Is it unsafe to bring dogs together in one house, with kids and grandparents to boot, for parties? How can we make sure there's no roughhousing? *S.J., Salt Lake City, UT*

A My siblings and I only bring one dog apiece, but somehow my parents' house always ends up looking like a dog pound. Several calm dogs can coexist peacefully, but rambunctious dogs or dogs that insist on establishing a pecking order can lead to holiday grief. Contain larger dogs to an area separate from small children and the elderly. Eliminate triggers that can lead to fighting, such as food or toys. Most importantly, only allow dogs that are known to get along in the same room. A holiday party is not the time to test compatibility, and a dog fight is the last thing you want on days when most vet offices are closed.



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Q Our goats have always eaten a fairly balanced diet, but lately they've been gravitating toward grains and ignoring the hay and grass. Is this just a phase, or should we be worried? *M.E., Sellersville, PA*

A Allowing your goats to choose a diet that's heavy on grain and light on hay is a lot like letting your kids eat mostly pizza and skipping the vegetables. Goats are ruminants, meaning they have a stomach with four compartments. The rumen is the first compartment of the stomach, and it's filled with live bacteria. A diet rich in fiber, which can be achieved with grass or legume hay, is necessary to keep the rumen happy, and a happy, working rumen can help provide body warmth during the cold winter months. While some supplemental grain is beneficial for extra protein and minerals, too much in relation to hay leads to an unhealthy rumen, obesity, and potential illness. Most goats require 2 to 4 pounds of quality hay every day, and just a cup or so of grain. A balanced diet, protection from extreme cold, and unlimited access to clean water should keep your goats happy all winter long.

Q My 12-year-old daughter would like a hamster, gerbil, or guinea pig, but I can barely tell the difference between the three. Which is easiest to care for and the most family-friendly? Anything to keep in mind before we bring one home?

E.W., Albany, NY

A Hamsters, gerbils, and guinea pigs all have the potential to make great first pets. They tend to be relatively docile and low maintenance. But they each come with their own set of pros and cons to consider before making a decision. Gerbils sleep in bursts, but they're generally active and fun for kids. Guinea pigs tend to have a bit more personality than hamsters and gerbils, but they require a specific diet and daily vitamin C supplements. They're also more likely to live longer, with an average lifespan of five to seven years, as opposed to two years for hamsters and gerbils. Hamsters are able to live happily as a single pet, while guineas and gerbils do better in multiples. But hamsters are nocturnal, so the sounds of an exercise wheel spinning in the middle of the night might get old. No matter what your daughter chooses, make sure that she has the time and discipline to commit to cleaning the enclosure daily. Neglect leads to an unpleasant ammonia-like smell and an unhealthy environment for the pet. Take time to consult with your vet about a proper diet, and leave room in the schedule every day for some interaction and play time. Most importantly, contact your local shelter before buying, as most shelters have an ample supply of furry little critters from which to choose.



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Need a bigger spruce-up before your guests arrive? Visit laurelandwolf.com/countryliving for a full-room makeover package from just \$149.



MORAL COMPASS

Q Last year, a friend gave me a Christmas present at a holiday concert we attended together, and I was horrified that I didn’t have anything to give her in return! And, to be honest, my gift-giving budget was tapped out. What should I do in a situation like this? —*Andrea S., Colleyville, TX*

A Short of stockpiling your trunk with a “just in case” gift stash (for that, try unisex-friendly, under-\$10 enamelware coffee mugs; amazon.com), the most important thing to remember is that gifts aren’t meant to be a transactional exchange, but a kind gesture. Rather than accepting with an awkward, “Oh, but I don’t have anything for you...” show how truly grateful you are for this act of kindness. Throwing in a personal

compliment or two (“You’re always so good at making people feel special! I wish I was this on top of my gift shopping!”) paired with a genuine comment about why you love it so much (“I’ve been meaning to replace my hand towels, and these are so my style!”) will leave the giver beaming more than any tchotchke ever could. Making excuses as to why you don’t have a gift in return, however, can make the other person feel uncomfortable.

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NATURE WALK

Greenery

Here's a quick look at the merits of common seasonal swag.



Fir

On the pricier end of the spectrum, fir trees generally hold their needles longer than other varieties.



Spruce

Full-bodied and strong, spruce trees hold up well to hefty ornaments.



Pine

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How to... Roast a Marshmallow

1. Stick It On.

Insert an extra-long (water-soaked) bamboo skewer or metal roasting stick into the center of the marshmallow, all the way to the top. (Pro tip: Insert a Rolo candy into the marshmallow for one-stop-shop gooeyness.)

2. Stake Your Spot.

Hold the marshmallow about 6" above the glowing embers at the base of the fire—not directly near the flame!

3. Rotate Slowly.

Spin it consistently, with a quarter turn every 15 seconds. Expect roasting to take at least four minutes. Patience is key.

4. Enjoy!

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fa la la la **FARMHOUSE**

Greetings from western Michigan, where the Mitten State's happiest hideaway wards off the icy chill of a Midwestern winter with cozy collections and heartfelt finds.

written by CAROLINE COLLINS MCKENZIE *photographs by* DAVID TSAY *styling by* LIZ STRONG



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***Shiny Brite
Ornaments, Vintage
Thermos Jugs***

Homeowners Joe Albers and Abby Hoppen (and collies Binks and Butters) spruce up the property's oldest (15-foot-tall!) tree with retro lights and Shiny Brites.

A thermos jug serves up beverages for the task, while other decorative dispensers populate the front porch. A 1977 mint-green Ford Bronco (nicknamed Bernadette) adds even more nostalgic oomph to the snowy scene.





Some people move to a farm to raise chickens or grow vegetables. Abby Hoppen likes to say she moved for Christmas. The fervent collector has a serious weakness for holiday decor, and she says a cookie-cutter house in the suburbs just wouldn't do. "I gave it a try for five years," says Abby, a marketing director and boutique owner (thefoundcottage.com). So in 2013, she convinced her "city boy" husband, Joe Albers, to swap Sheetrock and laminate for tin ceilings and century-old hardwoods. The couple purchased a circa-1909 farmhouse just outside the city limits of Allegan, Michigan (population: 4,998).

The home offered all of the architectural charm that Abby had been yearning for, as well as 12 idyllic acres. "It was a return to my roots," says Abby. "I grew up just down the road and spent my childhood tending to gardens, horses, and pigs on my family's farm." Joe proved a quick country convert, taking ownership of the grounds and the growing menagerie, which now includes eight Icelandic sheep, eight Bantam chickens, and two collies. "I'm not sure he has any idea what he's doing," says Abby. "But he sure is having fun!"

With her husband overseeing the outdoors, Abby went to work on the house itself. Although it was in remarkably good shape given that it was built in 1909



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***Paint-by-Numbers,
 Santa Figurines***

"Barn scenes, animals, landscapes: I was getting a little carried away with this paint-by-number obsession," says Abby, who now limits herself to paint-by-numbers featuring collies. This litter (top left) stands guard over a fleet of midcentury Santas, which Abby says she almost always finds hiding out in the attics at estate sales.

Lafayette Green
Benjamin Moore

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4-H Ribbons

"I came across a sack of them at the bottom of a dollar bin at a local thrift shop," says Abby, who liked the way the tiny prizes—awarded for horse showing and various projects—mixed in with her vintage ornaments.





Space Black
Benjamin Moore

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***Bottle Brush
Trees, Jadeite***

The display on the dining room table, a mix of vintage and new (anthropologie.com), adds a permanent pop of green during the holiday season. The colors also complement Abby's impressive, 10-years-and-counting collection of Jadeite, which stands out against a midnight-black backdrop.



An old biscuit display serves up cocoa fixin's and coverlets.



(no leaking roof or faulty electrical systems), the home needed updating from its updates. Says Abby, "It suffered from a bad case of grandiose 1990s decor—burgundy, tan, and fleurs-de-lis were rampant." She wanted to strip things down to allow original details to shine. But instead of tackling all the work at once, she opted to do it room by room. "I made the mistake in our first house of racing to get it all 'done.' But then I found I'd pulled together rooms that didn't really work the way we needed them to," she says.

Thanks to her patience, the farmhouse spaces have come together organically—with Abby's vintage finds always top of mind. In the dining room, for example, she chose the cabinet paint color specifically to contrast her impressive collection of Jadeite. In the kitchen, she added glass fronts to the cabinetry to better showcase her colorful assortment of Pyrex cookware. But the area where the don't-rush-it mentality is most apparent is the family

Vintage linens are stored in this old cabinet. The "Busy Bees" sign features a drawing of a sheep and pays homage to the couple's growing flock.

Abby found the Michigan pennant at a local flea market. "I try to stick with places we've been to," she says.

room (page 72), where Abby took three months to even decide on a paint color. She ultimately decided to go all in with a wintry vibe and a foresty hue on the walls, millwork, and window trim. “Come December, thanks to the roaring fireplace, it’s where we spend all our time,” she says. The cozy conditions—and evergreen surroundings—inspired the couple to call it “The Christmas Room,” a sentiment reinforced with red wall-to-wall carpeting. “I knew I wanted something soft underfoot in here, and I’m a tartan fanatic, so I thought, why not?” Abby says. (Her search for plaid carpeting proved futile until she unearthed a book of golf clubhouse samples at a local flooring retailer.) Naturally, the 17-by-25-foot room has become the ultimate backdrop for Abby’s collection of vintage holiday decor.

But even a room that large can’t contain all the merriment. During the holidays, festive vintage touches spill over into nearly every nook and cranny of the farmhouse. While the self-professed hoarder has always been enamored with bottle brush trees, old Santas, and Shiny Brites, Abby says everything seems to (fittingly) shine a little brighter here—thus fueling her obsession. “The new-build sucked a little of the magic from my collections,” she says. “I don’t ever have to worry about that happening here.”



THE MORE, THE MERRIER

Pyrex, Metal Canisters

Shiny Brite wreaths lend cheer to an equally vibrant array of vintage servingware, including Pyrex (“I always love the blue, but my grandma received the pink bowls as a wedding gift, so those are my favorites,” says Abby) and a mix of old canisters. The new glass fronts on the cabinets help Abby justify her never-ending urge to collect.



THE MORE, THE MERRIER

***Wool Blankets,
Grain Sacks***

Abby found her blanket collection at a flea market. "They were all in a big basket, and I bought the whole pile for \$50!" she says. She added a long grain-sack pillow that she found at the Grand Rapids Antiques Market, which happens every January. "My friend Sue Vanderveen (fabricscoutstudio.com) made the stockings [page 72] out of my grain-sack stash," she says.





a little bit
VINTAGE

If you love Abby's cheerful, collected aesthetic—but don't have time to scour antiques stores this time of year—check out these inspired wares.



**Retro Bottle
 Brush Wreath** \$15;
worldmarket.com



Pennant Pillow
 \$55; *mimigriffith
 designs.etsy.com*



Thermos Ornaments
creativecoop.com for stores



Plaid Pillows
 \$29-\$39 each;
ballarddesigns.com



**Decorative
 Truck**
*creative
 coop.com for
 stores*



Fir Keeps: Jenni Kayne (with husband Richard, son Tanner, and daughter Ripley) looks no further than the backyard for holiday decor.



Mountain Magic

At her family retreat in Lake Tahoe, fashion designer Jenni Kayne bypasses the typical cabin-decorating clichés with calming neutrals, clean-lined furniture, and a simple “let nature sing” approach to holiday greenery.

written by LAURA KOSTELNY *photographs by* VICTORIA PEARSON *styling by* PAGE MULLINS

Jenni's gingerbread tents are a fun twist on the standard boxy house.



For Jenni Kayne, the holidays just wouldn't be the same anywhere but Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Growing up, the Los Angeles-based fashion designer (jennikayne.com) and her family made the trip every December. Says Jenni, "My parents bought a place before I was even born, so from the time I remember, we were in Tahoe over the holidays, skiing and celebrating Christmas with our mom and Hanukkah with our dad until they sold the house." Time passed, and eventually Jenni and her husband, Richard Ehrlich, son Tanner (age 9), and daughter Ripley (6) began creating their own holiday memories and traditions in Los Angeles. But Jenni missed Tahoe. And as luck would have it, her beloved childhood home came up for sale. Going in with her two sisters to buy it was a no-brainer.

Unfortunately, the house hadn't aged particularly well. "It was all wallpaper and pink shag carpet," says Jenni. So everyone agreed everything had to go. Jenni led the charge, and the gutting began. They spent six months removing the 1980s decor and bringing in plenty of white paint, replacing carpet with bleached oak floors, and adding reclaimed wood in the kitchen and bunk room. Her goal: to create a modern space with "cabin-y" details. When it came



Pure White
Benjamin Moore



LET NATURE SING

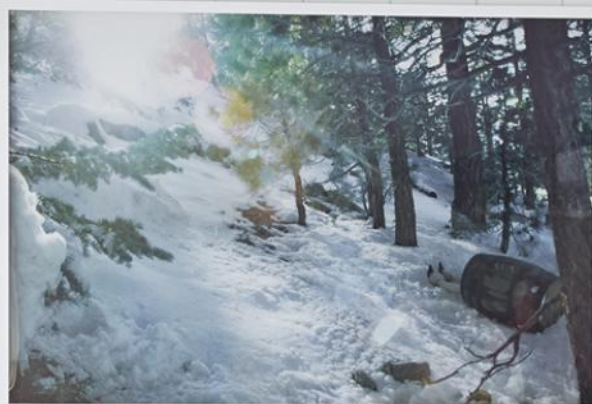
Chandelier Swag

Cedar branches, secured with invisible fishing line, curve naturally over a rounded pendant. A cluster of pinecones adds another textural touch.

LET NATURE SING

Pinecone Props

This forest freebie is nature's original objet d'art, well-suited for side tables, bookshelves, or trays. (Make sure your finds are fully dry before bringing them indoors). Save the largest for tabletop or mantel; use the more flawed for wreaths and arrangements. (Check out countryliving.com/holiday/pinecones for 20 more ways to decorate with pinecones.)



The snowy piece by photographer Melanie Pullen was a gift from Jenni's husband, Richard.



NATURAL WONDERS

Here's how to get Jenni's organic, understated style.



Grain Sack Stocking
\$25; cottage designs.etsy.com



Fern Wreath
\$98; shopterrain.com



Menorah
\$59; potterybarn.com



Wood Ornament
\$2; factorydirectcraft.com

LET NATURE SING

Gift Sprigs

Swap store-bought bows for simple pine tree cuttings, which pair beautifully with brown paper packages.

Vintage snowshoes (onekingslane.com) make for mountain-y wall art; shed antlers serve as sweet (ski) bunny ears.



time to furnish, Jenni filled the living spaces with a mix of sturdy, child-friendly pieces like a slipcovered sectional (restorationhardware.com) and unexpected surprises like a driftwood coffee table and wintry artwork by photographer Melanie Pullen—a gift from her husband when they started dating.

While Jenni is the definition of California cool—her pieces are worn by celebrities like Jessica Alba and Mandy Moore—she’s not too chill for a little holiday spirit. The season kicks off right after Thanksgiving, when she begins decorating with a vengeance. First up: the Christmas tree. “We keep ours in a galvanized pot outside throughout the year and then just drag it in,” she says. Once she hits play on the holiday Spotify mix, Tanner and Ripley get to work hanging ornaments. And then Mom re-hangs. Says Jenni, “I admit it. I tweak. I’m a total Virgo, so I’m all about micromanaging the tree.”

As for the rest of the decor, she takes inspiration from the view. “I stay away from the expected colors,” she says. “I like things to feel foresty.”



Oversized Throw
\$185; pompomat.com



Faux Antlers
\$75; nearanddeer.com

In the master bedroom, cedar and princess pine come together in a fan shape, finished with a pinecone garnish. (The stems are wrapped together with floral wire and then attached to the wall with fishing wire and a Command strip.)



In the adjacent bath, sprigs of eucalyptus keep things fresh.



Once the decor is set, it's time to get to work on a number of holiday-inspired projects. In addition to being a wrap star ("I take a lot of pride in it. I feel like I spend the entire month of December doing it!" she says), Jenni takes a homemade approach to gift giving, preparing infused honeys, olive oils, and beauty products.

And every year, Jenni designs a gingerbread house, although the architecture varies. This time around: gingerbread tents with pretzel poles. "We tend to decorate with healthy things like nuts and raisins, but Tanner and Ripley are old enough that they're asking, 'Where's the good stuff?'"

For Jenni, these traditions are the greatest gift she and Richard can give their own kids. "It's important to me that we do for my kids what my parents did for me and my sisters," she says. "Coming together as a family is what it's all about."

A single branch of princess pine adds an earthy element to the master bathroom, which features a striking bath (sunrisespecialty.com) and brass hardware (newport-brass-store.com).





LET NATURE SING

Bunk Bed Garland


Tanner and Ripley nestle snug in their beds with visions of a 36-foot string of Port Orford cedar overhead. Tip: For a loose, casual effect, let garland puddle on the floor by up to a foot.

Christmas in Connecticut

PLAID TIDINGS

Blogger Nora Murphy twirls up her 250-year-old New England Cape Cod with traditional trimmings—fresh greenery, timeless tartans—for a Scottish Highlands-inspired holiday.

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photographs by ANNIE SCHLECHTER



A Fraser fir features equally fragrant fruit and gingerbread ornaments alongside an old wooden wheelbarrow wielding other goodies.



plaid tidings
**SECOND-ACT
STOCKINGS**

A few of Nora's collected blankets had seen better days, so she salvaged the still-intact sections and turned the woolly remnants into stockings. (You can do the same with tattered quilts and Pendleton or Hudson's Bay blankets; go to countryliving.com/stocking for a template.)



Nothing makes Nora Murphy happier than decorating her Newtown, Connecticut, house for the holidays. Every year—for 10 years—she and husband, Rick, and son, Conor, drove by the dreamy Cape Cod on the way to visit her parents down country in Fairfield. And every single time they passed by, she would say: “The people who live in *that house* are so lucky.” After a decade of pining for the home, a “For Sale” sign popped up—and the family wagon stopped in its tracks. “I thought I would go in, check it out, and get it out of my system,” she says. “But instead I rushed home and gave Rick about a million reasons why we should buy it.” Rick didn’t need much convincing. “He liked it because it’s simple but very charming,” says Nora. “And there are so many windows, so it’s always filled with sunlight, which can be a rare thing for such an old house,” she says.

The move wasn’t exactly a trek. The Murphys’ previous home—a Cotswold-style stucco cottage—is only five miles away from the “new” house, but it may as well have been another world. Situated on two acres and bordered by the Centennial Watershed State Forest, the late 1700s historical home is surrounded by white balsam, cedar, and boxwoods.

While the house itself didn’t need a tremendous amount of work, Nora, a



plaid tidings
PREPPIE PRESENTS

Guests truly “check in” to Nora’s country house via the checkered-floor foyer, made especially festive with tartan touches, including plaid presents atop a 19th-century papier-mâché plaid chest of drawers. Even Nora’s seasonal attire—simple scarves, a tartan tote—reinforce her “mad for plaid” approach.

plaid tidings
**TARTAN
TABLECLOTHS**

Nora's extensive stockpile of throws proves especially practical during family feasts, when she layers multiple pieces to create a casual, collected tablescape. "I love that they create such a colorful, warm, and rich foundation to my place settings," she says. "When dinner is done, I throw them in the wash on cold and dry them on low. It works like a charm."





blogger (noramurphycountryhouse.com), interior designer, and brand-new author (*Nora Murphy Country House Style*), wanted to put her own stylish stamp on the property. And previous stints at Ethan Allen and Ralph Lauren Home armed her with ample expertise to infuse the steep-roofed structure with classic American style, including a checkerboard pattern on the entry and kitchen floors painted by dear friend Mike Tenk—who just happens to be a master craftsman at Ethan Allen. “I wanted the floor to look like a floor you’d see in a 100-year-old farmhouse,” she says.

Nora takes an equally timeless—and equally checkered—approach to decorating for the holidays. Inspired by

plaid tidings
**REFINED
 RIBBON**

Nora stocks up on the staple at mass retailers such as T.J.Maxx and HomeGoods to make “pretty, generous bows” for gifts and greenery, including the charming, *Charlie Brown*-esque tree in the gallery. For a wide variety of plaids, check out JoAnn Fabric and Craft (joann.com).

“A neutral base gives me the freedom to try new things every season.”

—Nora Murphy





plaid tidings
**DAPPER
DRUM
SHADES**

The iron chandelier by Richard Scofield (heritagelighting.com) is typically sans shades. But come Christmas, Nora ups the merry factor with tiny tartan treatments ([ballard designs.com](http://ballarddesigns.com)).

plaid tidings
**BUFFALO
CHECK
BEDDING**

Nora takes an “all through the house” approach to holiday decorating, swapping out her everyday bedding for more seasonal fare. For example, in the master bedroom, a cozy buffalo-check wool Pendleton blanket (pendleton-usa.com) offers a (brief!) respite from tartan...while still embracing plaid. (Even the master bath, below, features a plush pop of pattern.)



her woody surroundings, the gardening enthusiast uses mostly natural and homegrown greenery—boxwoods, tiered topiaries, paperwhites—potted in an assortment of vessels, from creamy white Guy Wolff pots (guywolff.com) to old baskets (including a stately French harvest basket mounted on a wall in the entry) to galvanized metal buckets. “They enhance my natural style of holiday decorating,” says Nora.

But the true star is plaid—and lots of it. Nora, a self-described “tartan nut” whose love of the Scottish patterns dates back to her first lunch box—and was no doubt reinforced during her career at Ralph Lauren Home and Ethan Allen—embraces the woolen woven in almost every room, from the entry presents to the kitchen lampshades. “To this day, there’s not one pattern out there that I don’t like.” (Nora’s check affection also extends to buffalo plaids and gingham motifs.)

Her particularly impressive seasonal display of vintage plaid

blankets is assembled year-round at local flea markets, including The Elephant’s Trunk Flea Market (etflea.com) in New Milford and at The Brimfield Antique Show (brimfieldshow.com) in Massachusetts. The time-worn layers warm up the home’s otherwise-neutral palette, which includes ivory walls, white denim slip-covered sofas, a Ralph Lauren pine hutch, and a black cannonball “Quincy” bed (ethanallen.com). Says Nora, “A neutral base gives me the freedom to have fun and try new things every season.”

Once Nora has checked and decked the halls to her satisfaction, the family can kick back to savor other family traditions—opening gifts on Christmas Eve and then cooking filet mignon with béarnaise and roasting garlic potatoes with rosemary over the fireplace. Come Christmas morning, Nora often finds herself citing a few familiar words, but with a happy twist: “The people who live in *this house* are so lucky!”

All in the Details

Here, more easy ways to embrace Nora's "trad-meets-plaid" approach to holiday decorating.



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1. Patterned Paper. To score the best deals, Nora shops for it in bulk right after Christmas. (Check out *spoonflower.com* for an extensive selection of patterns.) **2. Tartan Furniture.** This 19th-century chest from Scotland was made with papier-mâché. "It's pretty rare to find these 'Tartanware' pieces now," she says. "After they went out of fashion, people usually ripped the paper off." **3. Red Apples.** Filling bowls, baskets, and platters with the crisp fruit is one of Nora's simplest seasonal styling tricks. **4. Garland Galore.** Nora, an avid gardener, can't resist draping doorways, signs, and cupboards with greenery—usually cedar, boxwood, and holly. "They're very fragrant, and I love the mix of textures," she says. **5. Simple Gift Tags.** You can download them from her website (*nomurphycountryhouse.com/goodies*). **6. Galvanized Advent Calendar.** Nora found these tiny metal pails tied to red-and-white-striped twill tape ribbon years ago. (Find mini galvanized pails at *orientaltrading.com*.) **7. Preppie Porcelain.** Nora's set of dessert plates boasts four different patterns (*pendleton-usa.com*).



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The Junk Gypsies—sisters Amie Sikes and Jolie Sikes-Smith—hang out with Pilgrim, a gift from Santa years ago.

Heartthrob
Sherwin-Williams



JUST ROLL WITH IT

Embellished with garland, a Rudolph-red 1950s International pickup truck serves as the perfect makeshift bar for spirited Texas cocktails. To the right, light-strewn wagon wheel “wreaths” light the way inside.

WINTER WANDERLAND



At their stylishly appointed Wander Inn in Round Top, Texas, the Junk Gypsies, Amie Sikes and Jolie Sikes-Smith, dream up a holiday get-together true to their lost-and-found spirit: a little bit rustic, a little bo-ho-ho.

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JINGLE ALL THE HAY

A simple stack of hay bales gets glitzed up with colorful lights and (fittingly) a galvanized barn star.



In addition to the striking “tree,” plain old hay bales (layered with Mexican blankets) serve as sofas that comfortably seat Amie and Jolie’s son, Cash Baker, while they catch up with mom Janie; Amie’s daughter, Indie; and dad Phillip.



Sisters Amie Sikes and Jolie Sikes-Smith looked high and low for the perfect spot to open the Junk Gypsy Company (gypsyville.com), their store offering a unique take on furniture fixer-uppers, vintage-inspired decor, and funky Western wear. “We looked all over Texas for three years,” says Jolie. “And Round Top kept calling.” While well-known to designers and collectors for its annual antiques shows, the small town is not exactly a business metropolis. Says Jolie, “The population is 90. We knew any business person would think we’d lost our minds if we opened here.”

But open they did. Four years ago, the Gypsies bought 10 acres, moved their families on the land, and built an 8,000-square-foot shop. Business immediately boomed, so when two guest houses on 50 acres became available next door, the sisters decided to add “innkeeper” to their lengthy job descriptions. “We never in our lives thought about running an inn, but it’s the perfect final note of the complete Round Top experience,” says Jolie. “Now people can visit and stay right here at the Wander Inn.” (gypsyville.com/wander-inn)

A big reason for their popularity



ENJOY A TREE LIGHTING

To create these low-key country luminaries, draw and then drill a star or snowflake pattern into assorted buckets. (You’ll need a standard drill with a $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch drill bit.) To hang, drill a hole in the bottom of the bucket, and install a light kit (amazon.com).

is the strong sense of family, which includes Amie’s daughter, Indie (age 9); Jolie’s husband, Todd, and son, Cash Baker (age 12); as well as parents, Phillip and Janie. The family lives and works side by side. In fact, they do *everything* together. “If it’s not good for our family, it doesn’t happen,” says Amie. So in addition to business trips to NYC (for a line with PBteen), the wine country (a partnership with the Coppola family’s Virginia Dare Winery), and Silicon Valley (a new Facebook series *The Find & the Fix with the Junk Gypsies*), they celebrate the holidays together with wagon wheels and tons of lights. And of course a little glitter and a lot of magic—these *are* the Junk Gypsies after all! Says Amie, “At home, we tend to put up stuff that’s sentimental. But we do go a bit overboard. I like a little over the top!”



SPICED MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE
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SIP GOOD SPIRITS

A tailgate of Texas-tasting concoctions—Spiced Tequila, Grapefruit Ranch Water, Spiced Mexican Hot Chocolate, and Lone Star beer.



GRAPEFRUIT RANCH WATER
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While friends and family gather to sip refreshing drinks (see recipes on page 106), Dude the Longhorn celebrates with a single red horn-ament.



DRUM UP A TREE SKIRT

A repurposed bass drum (found on one of the Gypsies' flea market speers) is a bang-on choice to keep the tree standing tall.



BUTTERMILK & HATCH CHILE GRITS *page 106*



Amie and Jolie serve up hearty dishes in a hodgepodge of servingware, including a cast-iron Texas-shaped skillet (available at gypsyville.com).

OVEN AVOCADO FRIES *page 106*



BLACK PEPPER & BACON PINTO BEANS *page 107*



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The sisters found the old vintage star light at a flea market. Now it lights up the Wander Inn's living room as the ultimate holiday mantel topper.



JALAPEÑO RANCH COLESLAW
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BEER-BRAISED CHICKEN
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SPREAD THE JOY

The bountiful buffet features a vintage cactus light, metal cactus wreath, and colorful camper ornaments (gypsyville.com).



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TEXAS-STYLE PIMENTO CHEESE
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SPICED MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE



Whisk together 4 cups **whole milk**, 2 cups **half-and-half**, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **dulce de leche**, and 2 **cinnamon sticks** in a large saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; cover and let stand 10 minutes. Return mixture to a simmer over medium heat. Gradually whisk in 10 oz. finely chopped **70% dark chocolate**, whisking until melted and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tsp. **pure vanilla extract**, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. **kosher salt**, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **bourbon**, if desired. Discard cinnamon sticks. Serve warm. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

SPICED TEQUILA



Transfer $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **reposado tequila** (from a 750-milliliter bottle) to a measuring cup. Add 1 quartered **jalapeño** and let sit for at least 8 hours (for mild) and up to 24 hours (for spicy). Discard jalapeño and return infused tequila to the bottle. Makes 1 bottle.

GRAPEFRUIT RANCH WATER



MAKES 1 serving
WORKING TIME 5 minutes
TOTAL TIME 5 minutes

Kosher salt

- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup **fresh pink grapefruit juice**
- 3 tablespoons simple syrup**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces **Spiced Tequila**

Sparkling water (such as Topo Chico)

Pink grapefruit wedges, cilantro sprigs, and sliced jalapeño, for garnish

1. Spread salt on a flat plate. Dip the rim of a 12-ounce glass in water and then in the salt. Fill glass with ice and top with grapefruit juice, simple syrup, and tequila; stir to combine. Top with sparkling water and garnish with grapefruit wedges, cilantro sprigs, and sliced jalapeño.

BUTTERMILK & HATCH CHILE GRITS



MAKES 8 to 10 servings
WORKING TIME 40 minutes
TOTAL TIME 40 minutes

- 4 cups chicken stock**
- 2 cups whole milk**
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper**

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups **stone-ground grits**
- 3 (4-ounce) cans mild Hatch Chiles**
- 2 scallions, chopped**
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup **finely chopped fresh cilantro**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup **whole buttermilk**

1. Bring stock, milk, and 1 teaspoon salt to a boil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Gradually whisk in grits and chiles; return to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until creamy and thick, 28 to 30 minutes.

2. Remove from heat and whisk in scallions, cilantro, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup buttermilk (whisk in additional $\frac{1}{4}$ cup buttermilk, if desired). Season with salt and pepper.

OVEN AVOCADO FRIES

With Creamy Chipotle Lime Sauce



MAKES 8 to 10 servings
WORKING TIME 30 minutes
TOTAL TIME 1 hour

- 4 tablespoons canola oil, divided**
- 2 cups panko breadcrumbs**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons **chili powder**
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper**
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup **whole buttermilk**
- 1 large egg**
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup **all-purpose flour**
- 3 firm but ripe avocados, each cut into 6 wedges**
- Creamy Chipotle Lime Sauce and lime wedges, for serving**

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Brush a large rimmed baking sheet with 1 tablespoon oil. Toss breadcrumbs, chili powder, and remaining 3 tablespoons oil in a shallow bowl until coated. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk together buttermilk and egg in a separate bowl, and place flour in a third bowl.

2. Season avocado with salt and pepper. Working with one wedge at a time, toss in flour, then in buttermilk mixture (letting any excess drip off), and then in breadcrumb mixture, pressing gently to help adhere. Place, rounded side down, on prepared baking sheet.

3. Bake until golden brown, 28 to 32 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with Creamy Chipotle Lime Sauce and lime wedges alongside.

Creamy Chipotle Lime Sauce

Stir together $\frac{3}{4}$ cup **mayonnaise**, 2 finely chopped **chipotles in adobo**, 2 tsp. **lime zest**, $\frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp. **lime juice**, and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. **chili powder**. Season with **kosher salt** and **black pepper**.

Serve immediately or cover and chill up to 3 days. Makes 1 cup.

BLACK PEPPER & BACON PINTO BEANS

MAKES 8 to 10 servings
WORKING TIME 40 minutes
TOTAL TIME 40 minutes

- 4 slices thick-cut black pepper bacon, chopped
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped
- 1 large poblano pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1½ teaspoons chili powder
- 1½ teaspoons dried oregano
- 1½ teaspoons ground cumin

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 4 (15.5-ounce) cans pinto beans, rinsed
 - 2 cups chicken stock
 - 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
1. Cook bacon in a 12-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat until crisp, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove bacon to a paper towel-lined plate with a slotted spoon; reserve 3 tablespoons bacon drippings in skillet.
 2. Add onion, poblano, and garlic to reserved drippings and cook until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in chili powder, oregano, cumin, and 1 teaspoon pepper and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add beans and stock. Season with salt. Bring to a simmer, reduce heat to low, and simmer, stirring occasionally, until reduced and thickened, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in bacon and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

JALAPEÑO RANCH COLESLAW

MAKES 8 to 10 servings
WORKING TIME 20 minutes
TOTAL TIME 25 minutes

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely grated or pressed
- 8 cups shredded cabbage (from 1 head)
- ½ cup thinly sliced red onion
- ⅓ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- ¼ cup sliced fresh chives
- ¼ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, jalapeño, and garlic in a bowl. Add cabbage, onion, cilantro, chives, and parsley and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Let stand 5 minutes. Serve immediately or cover and chill up to 4 hours.

BEER-BRAISED CHICKEN

MAKES 8 to 10 servings
WORKING TIME 30 minutes
TOTAL TIME 5 hours, 15 minutes

3 tablespoons sauce from a can of chipotles in adobo

- 1 tablespoon hot sauce (such as Cholula)
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

- 4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1 (12-ounce) bottle dark Mexican beer (such as Modelo Negra)

Jalapeño Ranch Coleslaw, corn tortillas, sliced radishes, cilantro, sliced pickled jalapeños, sliced carrots, and lime wedges for serving

1. Combine adobo sauce, hot sauce, garlic, mustard, chili powder, cumin, and 1 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a zip-top bag. Add chicken, seal bag, and turn to coat. Chill at least 4 hours or up to 12 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook chicken, in batches (adding more oil as needed), until brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side; remove batches to a plate. Return all chicken to the Dutch oven and slowly add beer. Simmer until slightly reduced, 4 to 6 minutes. Cover and bake until chicken is very tender, 40 to 45 minutes. Remove chicken and shred meat with two forks. Simmer cooking liquid over medium-high heat until slightly thickened, 4 to 6 minutes. Add chicken and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Serve with Jalapeño Ranch Coleslaw, tortillas, sliced radishes, cilantro, pickled jalapeños, carrots, and lime wedges alongside.

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MASA BISCUITS



MAKES 12 biscuits

WORKING TIME 20 minutes

TOTAL TIME 40 minutes

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled

1 1/2 cups “tamale-style” masa harina, plus more for work surface and kneading

2 tablespoons baking powder

2 teaspoons kosher salt

1/2 cup (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus 1 tablespoon, melted, divided

2 cups whole buttermilk

Texas-Style Pimento Cheese

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Stir together flour, masa harina, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Cut cold butter into flour mixture with two knives or a pastry blender until crumbly and mixture resembles small peas. Stir in buttermilk with a fork until dough forms. Turn dough out onto a work surface lightly dusted with masa harina. Knead just until dough comes together; add additional masa harina, 1 tablespoon at a time, if dough is too sticky.

2. With floured hands, pat dough into a 1 1/4-inch-thick rectangle. Cut dough in half and stack halves on top of each other; repeat 2 more times. Pat dough to 1- to 1 1/4-inch thickness. Cut biscuits with a floured 2 1/2-inch round cutter; reform scraps. Place biscuits, almost touching, on baking sheet.

3. Brush tops of biscuits with half of melted butter. Bake until golden brown, 15 to 18 minutes. Brush with remaining melted butter and serve warm with Texas-Style Pimento Cheese.

TEXAS-STYLE PIMENTO CHEESE



MAKES about 3 cups

WORKING TIME 15 minutes

TOTAL TIME 4 hours, 15 minutes

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 (4-ounce) jar diced pimentos, drained

2 canned chipotles in adobo, finely chopped

2 scallions, chopped

1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 teaspoon chili powder

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

12 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, coarsely grated (about 3 cups)

4 ounces queso fresco cheese, finely crumbled (about 1 cup)

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Stir together mayonnaise, pimentos, chipotles, scallions, Worcestershire, chili powder, and cumin in a bowl. Stir in cheeses until combined. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and chill at least 4 hours or up to 3 days.

SKILLET S'MORES



MAKES 12 servings

WORKING TIME 25 minutes

TOTAL TIME 1 hour

1/3 cup all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled, plus more for working

1/3 cup graham or whole-wheat flour, spooned and leveled

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature

1/3 cup packed light brown sugar

2 teaspoons honey

1 large egg

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

6 s'more marshmallows (such as S'moreMallows)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F with the racks in the middle and top positions. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk together flours, cinnamon, salt, and baking soda in a bowl.

2. Beat butter and sugar on medium speed with an electric mixer until light and fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes. Beat in honey until combined. Beat in egg and vanilla until combined. Reduce mixer speed to low and slowly beat in flour mixture. Scoop dough (about 1 1/2 tablespoons each), 2 inches apart, on prepared baking sheets. Bake, one sheet at a time on the middle rack, until golden brown around edges, 9 to 10 minutes. Cool on baking sheets on wire racks for 5 minutes; remove to the racks to cool completely.

3. Place 12 (3.5-inch) cast-iron skillet or 1 (9-inch) cast-iron skillet on a rimmed baking sheet. Fill with chocolate chips, dividing evenly. Top with cookies. Use a serrated knife to cut marshmallows in half crosswise; use a 2-inch star-shaped cookie cutter to cut into shapes (discard excess marshmallow). Top cookies with marshmallow stars. Bake, on the top rack, until chocolate is melted, 4 to 5 minutes. Switch oven to broil. Broil until marshmallows are golden brown, about 30 seconds. Serve immediately.

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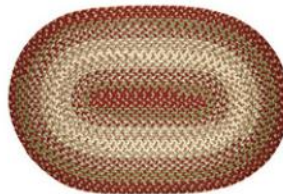
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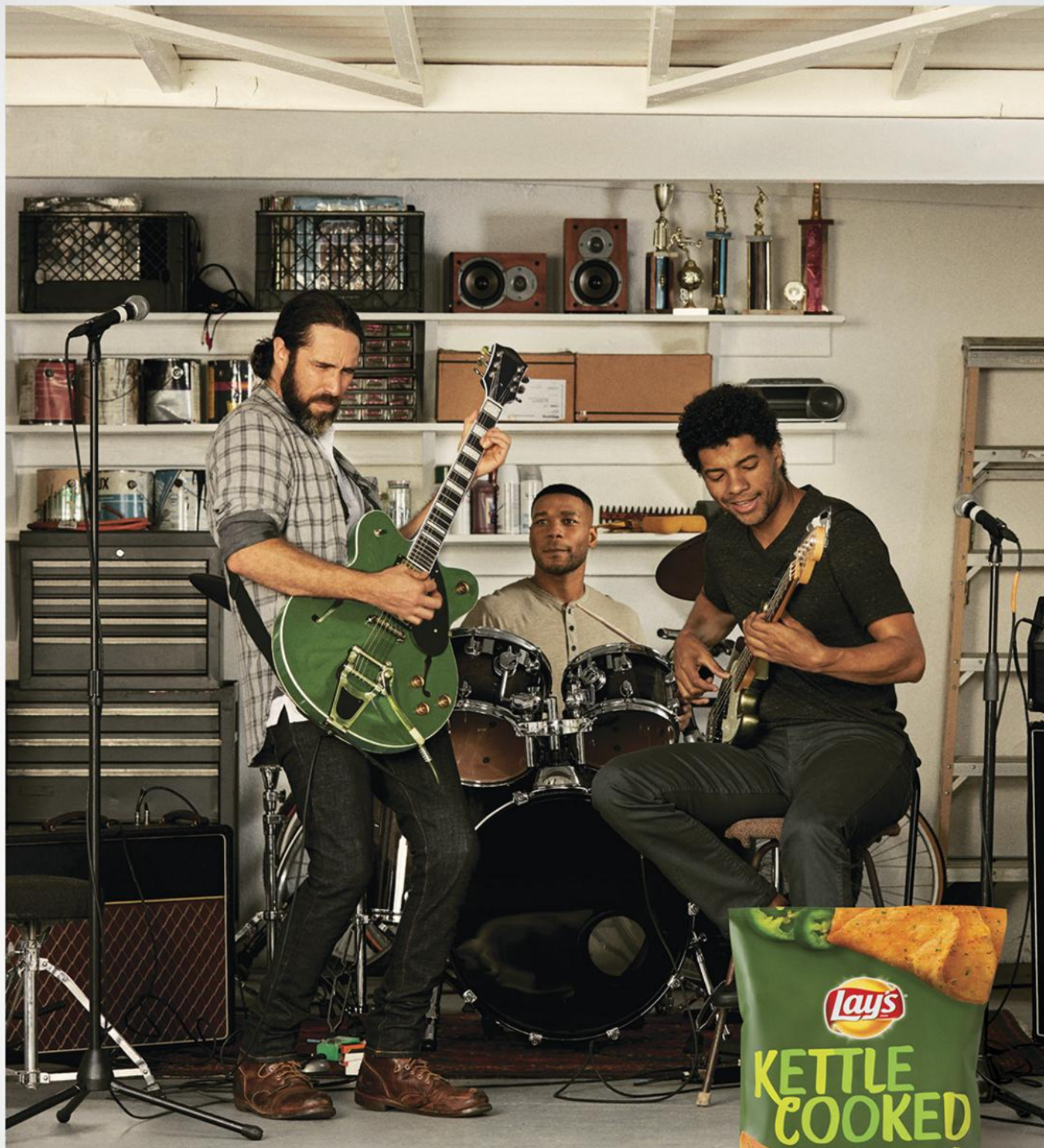


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