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Mini Holiday Tree

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# **Creative Holiday Bouquets**

As the scores of holly swags and poinsettias start to appear in shop windows and offices across the country, we know that the holiday season is upon us. However, with the proliferation of these well-known symbols of Christmas and the holidays, it becomes difficult to try to find creative, unique floral arrangements that represent the warmth and color of the holiday season. While holly plants

and poinsettias are a wonderful and beautiful Christmas tradition, if you're looking for something new, there are lots of floral options that will help you deck your halls in lovely Christmas colors.

As red and green are the primary colors of the season, there are a wide variety of plants and floral combinations that can evoke the same seasonal feeling. Miniature Christmas trees are a great way to put a little bit of Christmas in every room of your house. Our Mini Holiday Tree comes packaged ready to decorate also available in a 5 pack. Other plants, like our Amaryllis in Ceramic Vase, provide a fresh alternative to the standard Christmas fare.



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If red and green is a little limiting to you, try adding a little white to spruce up your arrangement. All three colors blend nicely in our <u>Classic Christmas Centerpiece</u>. For a more striking effect, you could try eliminating the red altogether, like our <u>Y2K Bouquet</u>.



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Smaller, individual floral arrangements can be a colorful way to dress up your holiday table and make each place setting special. Personal floral arrangements in small containers, like our Winter Rose Gathering add a personalized touch of elegance for each guest at your Christmas feast.





# Winter Gardening

While the ground is cold during the winter months, it's hard to imagine that much outdoor gardening can be done. However, while the weeds are held back and the paths are clear, it's a great time to plan new beds, stake out your plots for the spring, and "plant" some statues.



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Give Your Garden Life ... in Stone

While large sculptures are best left for public parks, small statues can be wonderful addition to a blooming garden. Statuary adds character to a garden and can focus as a centerpiece for hidden nooks. Welcome visitors to your garden with the innocence of our Playful Puppy or with the authority and charm of our Patron Saint of Gardeners. If you want to set up a section of your garden for children, try adding some pieces that they'll enjoy, like our Shy Friends Garden Sculpture.



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### **Animal Friends**

Animal statues can add a fun and whimsical touch to your garden. Sometimes, these images are so realistic looking that you have to take a second glance! Tuck an Anywhere Bunny in the corner of your cabbage patch to keep you company while you are weeding in the vegetable garden.



Curious cats are everywhere. They come in a wide variety of poses, too - playing in the sun like Moss Cat

or examining the garden bugs like Curious Cat. You'll want to watch where you step if you add a roaming Lounge Lizard to your garden.

# Garden in Water

Nothing evokes the sense of relaxation and beauty in a garden more than the lovely song of water. Elegant and functional, water-based garden statuary like fountains, waterfalls, and birdbaths provide water for surrounding wildlife and soothing tones for the people visiting your garden. Birdbaths are a simple way to add the calming presence of water. They come in all shapes and sizes, ranging from low, smooth lined options like our Love Birds Bath to more naturalistic shapes like our Hanging Birdbath.



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Simple to install and set up, fountain kits usually come with all of the required components to create a calm and peaceful setting. A central fountain like our <u>Solar Island Fountain</u> is a great focal point to add sparkle to your garden on a hot summer's day. While hot summer days may seem far away in the middle of the chilly winter, your cold weather gardening preparation will make those summer days more enjoyable when they arrive!





### Gift a Great New Year

Father Time has been doing his job and therefore one more year is rapidly coming to a close. As we prepare to celebrate this millennium New Year's, it's a good time to make sure that your friends and family are well prepared for the celebration. What better way to start off the new millennium right to make sure than to give creative gifts to help them ring in the New Year with style and flair!



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#### **Set The Mood**

New Year's is about sparkle and excitement, the opportunity to wipe the slate clean and start fresh again. Add a little sparkle into your New Year's decorations with bubbles and light - our <u>Gel Champagne Candles</u> will do just the trick! Or set your table with New Year's celebration-themed items, like <u>Salt & Pepper Champagne Shakers</u> and a <u>Silverplated World Ice Bucket</u>. These fun and festive pieces will set the mood for a shiny New Year!



Party Favors

If you are heading off to a party, bring the host or hostess a sparkly millennium gift that does dual duty - as an ornament and a house for gourmet chocolate! Try our Millennium Ornament or Millennium Champagne Bottle - both will be welcome at any party. For a little warm and fuzzy with your sparkle, pick up a Millennium Bear.

buy now C Take a Snapshot of Today

This New Year's celebration is something people will be talking about for years...but if you want to remember 1999 as it really was, put together a time capsule. Either as a project with your kids or as party entertainment on New Year's Eve, nothing preserves the moment like a time capsule. When you look back at it years later, the memories of this New Year's will be brought back to you. Great additions to time capsules are notes to yourself, family or children expressing feelings of the moment, handprints, treasured belongings, photos, newspaper articles, or other items that express how you feel at the moment. Have your kids make a drawing or have your party guests write a note about where they want their lives to be in 25 years or how they think the

Millennium will affect them. Place all these treasures in the time capsule and store it away. The joy of opening it in time is invaluable! Pre-made time capsule kits are available in many varieties - try our <a href="Deluxe Baby Time Capsule">Deluxe Baby Time Capsule</a> or the <a href="Mailto:M

### **Be Prepared**



Just in case all of the planning for Y2K fails and the power does go out, sit back, relax, light up a fire and pull out your Martini-Lovers Hideaway, enjoy the candlelight and wait for the lights to come back on.

Martini-Lovers Hideaway buy now O







Bear in Reindeer Suit buy now O

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### **Holiday Treats**

The holiday season is a time of warmth. togetherness, generosity and giving, but it is also a time most of us associate with good food, especially sweets. With candy canes hanging on the Christmas trees and warm gingerbread cookies baking in the oven. sweets and treats are part of the enjoyment of the holiday season. These treats come in all

sizes and packages and the packaging can be just as enjoyable as the candy itself!

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#### **Fun Friends**

If you have nieces and nephews - or an adult that is a child at heart! - that you need to purchase for, what better gift to give than one that is part toy and part treat! Many Christmas-related toys are packaged with treats and can make great stocking stuffers, such as our Bear in a Reindeer Suit, or our keepsake Ceramic Teddy Bear or Nutcracker Sweet. Our Reindeer Rider Santa Sleigh Deluxe is a fantastic gift package that comes complete with a buy now D cuddly bear, miniature Radio Flyer wagon and a wide assortment of gourmet treats. A great gift for kids of all ages!



Mrs. Beasley's Tree buy now O

### A Christmas Package

If you want to give gourmet food and fresh baked goods this season, then creative holiday packaging is a great way to present them. Our Santa Sleigh Deluxe is filled with delicious goodies packed in a reusable. keepsake winter sleigh and makes a wonderful hostess gift. The Perugina Traditional Natale Tree or Mrs. Beasley's Tree Basket also provide a wide variety of gourmet treats in festive Christmas packaging - a great gift for friends, family or business colleagues.



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# **Upgrade Your Decorations**

Decorating your home for the holidays is usually one of the most enjoyable times of the year. For most, decorations represent the memories of past holidays. Bringing down the box of decorations from the attic or from a corner closet in the house is often a family event. Stories associated with these holiday ornaments are almost as good as a photo album. If you have many pictures to go with

these memories, remember the holidays all year long with our Holiday Memories album.

Unfortunately, each Christmas puts wear on these beloved items and eventually some have to be retired. If your box of ornaments is in need of some sprucing up, there is no time like the present to make sure that your holiday decorations are up to the holiday challenge!

### Fix Up Your Insides

There are many creative ways to get your home ready for the holidays. While the tree is an obvious symbol of the Christmas holiday, don't forget the rest of the house when you're decorating! To make your home feels like the holiday spirit has arrived, include decorations in each room of the house.



Snowpeople Set

It doesn't have to be much - small items placed throughout your home will create a festive feeling. An easy way to create the smell of Christmas is to take extra pine branches and arrange them in corners and nooks. A great way to establish a touch of the season is to place ornaments and figures around a candle. Great suggestions for this include our <a href="Nutcracker Sweet">Nutcracker Sweet</a> porcelain soldier or a piece from our Snow Babies collection like the <a href="Skiing Snow Babies">Skiing Snow Babies</a> collectible.



Still like the idea of holiday decorating with candlelight? Our Christmas Rose Wreath with Candle and Gold Rimmed Bowl with tree-shaped candles make wonderful centerpieces. For fun, holiday-shaped candles, our Rustic Tin Tree Luminaries or Snowpeople Set add light,

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color, and a bit of charm to your regular holiday decorations.

## Sharing The Holiday Spirit - Just Grin and "Bear" It

Whether in your home or somebody else's, the holiday season is a time of good will and sharing. As a decoration or gift, a teddy bear is a wonderful way to show the feelings that you have during these festive times. We have a variety of bears that are perfect for dressing up your favorite room or giving to that special someone.

Our <u>Hanukkah Boy Talking Teddy Bear</u> is the perfect way to send best wishes in a personalized way. Do you need another Christmas gift or a special way to welcome in the New Year's millennium festivities? Our cuddly plush <u>Bear in a Reindeer Suit</u> or debonair <u>Millennium Bear could</u> be just what Santa ordered! Whatever the scenario, make the holidays a smiling occasion for the end of 1999 and the beginning of 2000. Season's Greetings!