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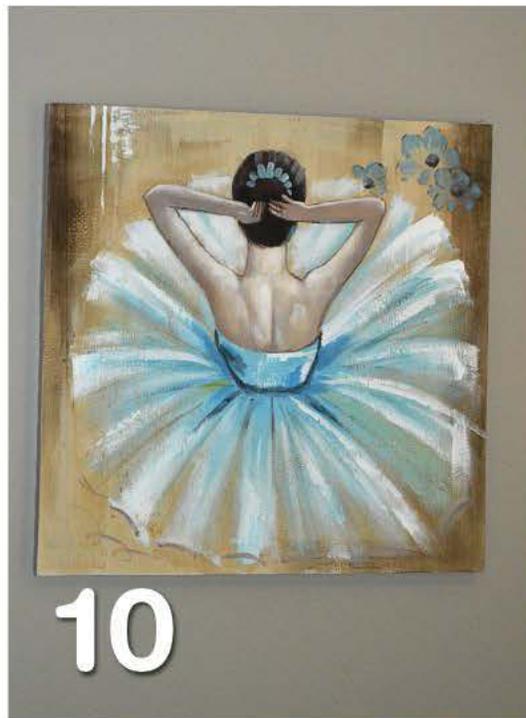


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**Correction:** In the Classy Countertops story in the Nov. issue of HOME Living, Mike Sorg from Classic Marble and Stone was incorrectly listed as Mark Sorg. HOME Living regrets this error.

# welcome!



Sue Rawlinson

## Oh, you cute little Christmas cookies. How I love you.

Yes, it's the celebratory time for Sue's annual holiday cookie-thon. So, my cookie creations may not always be the tastiest. They're definitely not the prettiest. But they're baked (or burnt) with the happiest of holiday spirits.

Cookie Night is a grand annual evening comprised of laughter, teasing, bad dancing, batter splatter and really messy counters. The most important ingredients? Sugar. My mother. Sprinkles. My daughter. Frosting. My sister-in-law. A crackling, real-wood fire (in the kitchen fireplace only, hopefully). My Santa-girl apron. And wine.

## Lots of wine.

From classic Frank Sinatra vocals to women's chatter and scents of both burnt firewood and cookies, it's our time. It's awesome. And no boys allowed for the duration.

You have your seasonal traditions, too.

## And isn't it grand?

December is certainly about holiday traditions. It's about family and special friends. But, it's also about the home. About Christmas décor. About prepping the house for special guests. It's about renovations and the best in holiday displays.

Indeed, it's about housing the year's heartwarming holiday moments to the best of our abilities.

And that, friends, is what this December holiday issue of HOME Living is all about.

We'll share information on how to renovate before the season is in full swing. We'll offer tips to assist your festive endeavors. And we'll share hints to remind us all to slow down a bit, embracing the nostalgic emotional warmth of the season.

Happy Holidays, readers. May your memories provide warmth, your moments be fulfilling, and your cookies less burnt than mine.

Thank you for reading the issue within your hands. 🏠

from the editor



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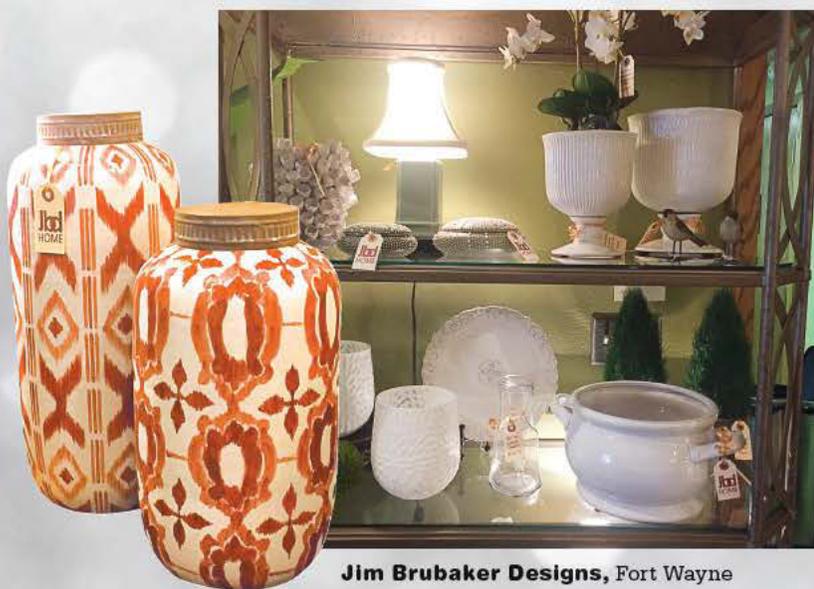
# Holiday Red + Ivory

By Sue Rawlinson

Photos by HOME Team

Holidays just wouldn't feel as festive without being surrounded by reds and ivories, right? As iconic as the striped candy cane, these two colors beautifully evoke the nostalgic symbolism of the season. With heartwarming reds and ivory's elegance, this décor duo is sure make your family feel grateful to be 'home for Christmas.'

Enjoy a snapshot of HOME Living's December "Color It" home interior picks. Chosen just for you—from retailers in your backyard. 🏠



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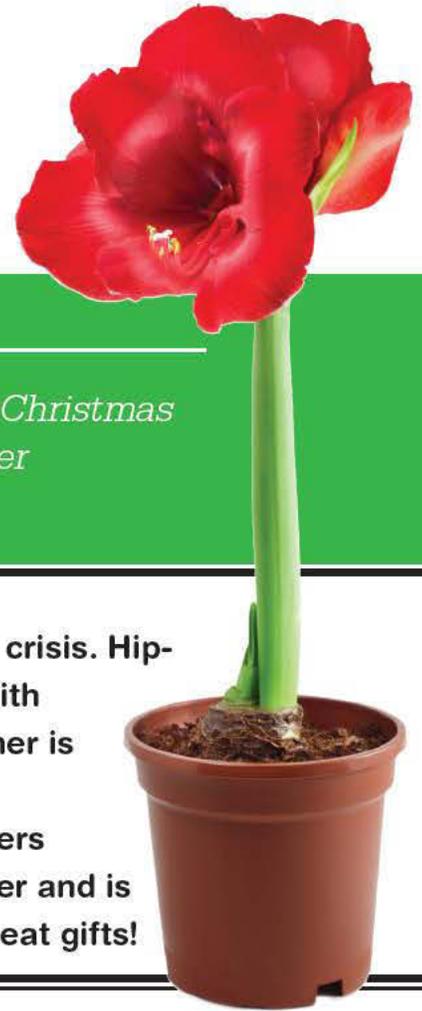


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# Amaryllis



By Erin Dozois

While we love a classical poinsettia, it isn't the only option for planted Christmas cheer. The amaryllis is a gorgeous, vibrant red lily that favors the winter months—as long as it has a nice, warm house to call home.

**Name:** Amaryllis Hippeastrum

**Fun Fact:** Amaryllis, a.k.a. Hippeastrum, occasionally suffers from an identity crisis. Hippeastrum, meaning “Knight’s-star-lily,” shares its common name with another species from the amaryllidaceae family; however, the former is typically pink and cultivated outdoors around Easter.

**Known for:** Large, fleshy bulbs, tall broad leaves and large red or purple flowers

**Why we love it:** Amaryllis packs a punch of Christmas red in the dead of winter and is relatively simple to grow and keep indoors. And they make great gifts!

## Selecting and Planting

Amaryllis is a tender bulb, and needs to be planted in a pot indoors any time between October and January. They can be cultivated from seed, but seed-raised amaryllis can take up to six years to reach maturity and flower.

- Plant bulb into pot a little larger than the bulb itself. Apply a multipurpose compost. Two-thirds of the bulb should remain above the surface.
- Place in a well-lit spot at 21 C (70 F).
- Water sparingly until new leaves develop, and then start watering regularly. Do not let the compost dry out, but avoid excess water collecting in the saucer.
- Turn the pot regularly to prevent the flower stalk growing towards the light. Cultivars with large flowers should be staked.

- When in flower, move the plant to a cooler place, about 15-18 C (60-65 F), to extend the flowering period.

## After the Bloom

- After flowering, cut down spent flowers to base, but keep leaves growing by carefully watering and applying a balanced liquid fertilizer weekly.
- Place the bulbs in pots outside or in a greenhouse during the summer months. Shade them from scorching sunlight and water regularly.
- In late September, move plants to a well-lit position and keep at about 13 C (55 F) for eight to ten weeks. Stop feeding and reduce watering so the plant becomes semi-dormant.
- Cut the remaining old leaves from the neck of the bulb. Replace the top layer of compost. 🏠

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# Holiday Sparkles!

## Outdoor Décor to Wow Your Neighbors

By Shannon Rooney

'Tis the season to sparkle — and that goes for your home too. Outdoor holiday décor runs the gamut, from kitschy blow-up snow globes to classic white string lights. There are plenty of options for decking out your front lawn this season. We've got some great ideas from local experts, plus pro-tips for the practical side of hanging your favorite holiday décor.

### Light the Night

Holiday lights are a staple of outdoor décor, but hanging them can be tricky. Local companies, like Jim Brubaker Designs and Bruce Ewing Landscaping can help. They offer seasonal light and décor-hanging services, as well as a host of other décor help.



"We offer in-home install of Christmas décor, outside lighting and fresh greenery including wreaths, swags, garland and stems/berries for flower pots," said Jim Brubaker, president of Jim Brubaker Designs. "We also provide a large array of home décor items such as artificial arrangements, unique ornaments, candles, artificial greenery/flowers, Christmas figurines, lights, etc. for the inside of your home."

Brubaker also recommended a new type of indoor/outdoor light called firecracker lights. "They come in different lengths and are bright for being so small. It adds a great sparkle to inside and outside décor."

If you're DIY-ing your holiday lights, check out your local hardware store for hanging solutions like gutter and shingle clips. Retailers also offer an array of no-ladder hanging tools. Seek out specialty light clips and staples, which will secure lights with little damage to shingles and siding.



### Make it Yours

Give your outdoor décor a personal touch with some creative thinking. "First, we suggest customers either check out Pinterest or holiday/home magazines for inspiration," said Brubaker.

"We have assisted clients with making the décor in their homes part of their family traditions. We have incorporated their family heirlooms and personal décor into new items from JBD Home to make each client's home unique to fit their personalities."

Stay true to your personal preferences, as well as the style of your home. When choosing décor items, pick an element of the season that you particularly enjoy and decorate according to theme. Love holiday baking? Create a door-hanging from a gingerbread-man-shaped baking pan festooned with pine bows and a red plaid bow. If you enjoy snowy sports, create a vignette beside your door with found items, like an old toboggan and a pair of vintage skates.



### A Very Quirky Holiday

The best way to impart whimsy to your outdoor décor is to think outside traditional color palettes and themes. Depart from red, green and white and embrace turquoise, pink and cream. Bring your purple Halloween lights back out and pair them with blue for a jewel-tone sparkle. A



pre-lit peace sign or similarly-shaped wreath are simple pieces with big messages.

### Resources:

**Bruce Ewing Landscaping**, Fort Wayne, 260.432.2785, [bruceewinglandscaping.com](http://bruceewinglandscaping.com)

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If you want to go big, check out the yard inflatables offered online or at your local home stores. Options range from Hanukkah bears to snow globes with moving parts inside. These are a favorite with the kids.

### Deck the Door

Welcome your holiday guests with a warmly decorated front door. Use an ornamental wreath hanger to hold a wreath of seasonal flora or invest in a combination wreath and garland hanger. These decorative hangers consist of a long bar that fits into the doorframe with a hook at either side and over the top of the door to hold your wreath and garland in place. If you have a screen door, hang a bell trimmed with a small pine bow or red bow on the door-knob and you'll always hear your guests arrive. 🏠



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# Love This Look?

Story and Photos by Sue Rawlinson



Whether it's the holiday season for Nutcracker performances or just hanging out with girlfriends, this home's ballet studio was made for a princess.



The flooring is a distressed laminate, similar to painted boards in an old French ballet studio—as if the boards have been danced on for decades. “Soft underfoot, it’s practical and can hold up to any amount of dancing and fun girl-time,” said Jodi Golm, designer for Timberlin Homes.

“Each family member has a special place in the house... and this ballet studio is created as the daughter’s retreat. When she and her friends aren’t in the pool during warm months, the girls are in this room making up dance moves and having a great time,” Golm said.



This painting was selected by the home's featured ballerina. “The daughter was instrumental in choosing the art piece... she was really able to make the room her own.”



## Room Vendors:

**Builder:** Timberlin Homes, Fort Wayne, 260.485.8000, [timberlinhomes.com](http://timberlinhomes.com)

**Designer:** Jodi Golm, 260.485.8000, [timberlinhomes.com](http://timberlinhomes.com)

**Flooring:** Contract Interiors, Fort Wayne, 260.423.3674, [contractinteriorsflooring.com](http://contractinteriorsflooring.com)

And the mirrors? “They’re a critical piece in any dance studio,” Golm said. “They open up the small space, bouncing light around, and provide a great way to study ballet form... they’re just a nice way of enlarging the space.”

# The Basics of a Bath Remodel



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By Lauren Caggiano

*We spend a good portion of our lives in the bathroom, so it only makes sense that we should invest in them. Even a half-bath remodel can take your home to the next level.*

“An average bathroom remodel, for example, often earns about a 70 percent return on the investment, so you’ll recoup most of what you spend if you decide to sell your house,” said Kevin Walsh, president of Trinity Kitchen, Bath & Lighting in New Haven. “Besides that, your bathroom is critical to your health and hygiene, and done right, it can become a spa-like refuge where you can release the tension of the day.”

With a little planning and forethought, you can think up something you’ll enjoy for years to come.

## Function first

First things first—it is critical to your project to understand how the space will be used, according to Walsh. Homeowners should ask questions like: Will it be a high traffic area? What kind of storage will you need? Are you going for an upscale spa feel? Is this the main bathroom or will it be used sporadically when guests stay? “These questions are important to answer so you can start determining what kind of materials, storage, fixtures and space you will need,” Walsh said.

## Evaluate the current situation

Take a step back and ask yourself if the current way the space is organized works for you. Next, look for things you’d want to change. Is the lighting too bright or dim? Would you prefer a different finish on a

faucet? According to Walsh, formulating a “must have” list is the way to go.

“Having a good sense of understanding what you want to do with your space will help you determine if you should undertake a cosmetic update or a full-scale remodel, or something in between the two,” he said.

## DIY vs. contractor

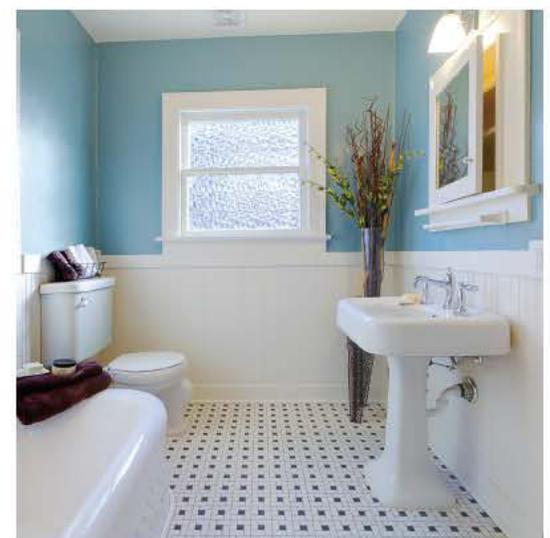
If you’re equipped for the job, a DIY approach can be a great way to curb costs. However, if you’re not as experienced you could incur additional costs of salvaging the job. Oftentimes, hiring a professional is worth the investment.

## Set a budget

Regardless of whether you are going it alone or hiring help, knowing and honoring your financial limitations will make it easier to know where you stand. You want to do it right but you also don’t want to over-extend yourself in the process. If you need a guideline, the National Kitchen and Bath Association recommends that you should plan to spend 5-10 percent of your home’s value on a bathroom remodel.

## Expect surprises

Anytime you take on a home renovation project, something unexpected is bound to pop up. For this reason, Walsh said it’s usually wise to build a 10-15 percent cushion into your budget. “You never know what your contractor will find behind a



wall or under a floor, and you’ll need to take care of unexpected pitfalls before you can finish the job,” he said.

## Find your style

The choices for hardware, flooring and other essentials are virtually limitless. However, knowing your style when you start the process will give you a leg-up in paring down the vast array of possibilities. Plus, Walsh said there are a wealth of online tools and surveys to help you determine what you like.

Here’s to making this space your own!



## Resources:

**F&M Tile**, Fort Wayne, 260.483.6389, [fandmtile.com](http://fandmtile.com)

**Trinity Kitchen, Bath & Lighting**, New Haven, 260.493.2574, [trinityhomecenter.com](http://trinityhomecenter.com)

**Wayne Kitchen & Bath Works**, Fort Wayne, 260.423.9577, [waynepipe.com](http://waynepipe.com)

# Peppermint Sandwich Cookies



*Recipe from Delish.com*

*What's a better treat than cookies? And when is a better time to indulge in peppermint sweetness than December?*

## INGREDIENTS

### For the cookies

- 1 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. salted butter, softened
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1/2 c. milk, at room temperature
- 1 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c. cocoa

### For the peppermint frosting

- 1 c. unsalted butter
- 4 c. powdered sugar
- 1/4 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 tsp. peppermint extract
- 2-3 tbsp. water
- pinch of kosher salt
- Red gel icing color
- 12 mini candy canes, crushed

## DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375° and line a cookie sheet with parchment. In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat sugar and butter just until smooth.
2. Add egg and milk and mix until well combined.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together baking powder, flour and cocoa, then add to wet ingredients and mix until combined.
4. Drop level tablespoons of cookie dough onto prepared cooking sheet.
5. Bake until edges are set and centers look mostly done, 6 to 8 minutes. Let cool on cookie sheet for 2 to 3 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.
6. Make frosting: Beat butter until smooth. Add half the powdered sugar and mix until smooth, then add vanilla and peppermint extracts, 2 tablespoons water, and a pinch of salt and mix until smooth.
7. Add remaining powdered sugar and mix until smooth. (If frosting feels too thick, add 1 more tablespoon water.) Add red gel color to color frosting to your desired shade of red.
8. Assemble cookie sandwiches: Spread or pipe frosting onto one cookie, then add second cookie.
9. Place crushed candy canes on a plate and roll cookie sandwiches so candy canes stick to frosting. Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days. 🏠

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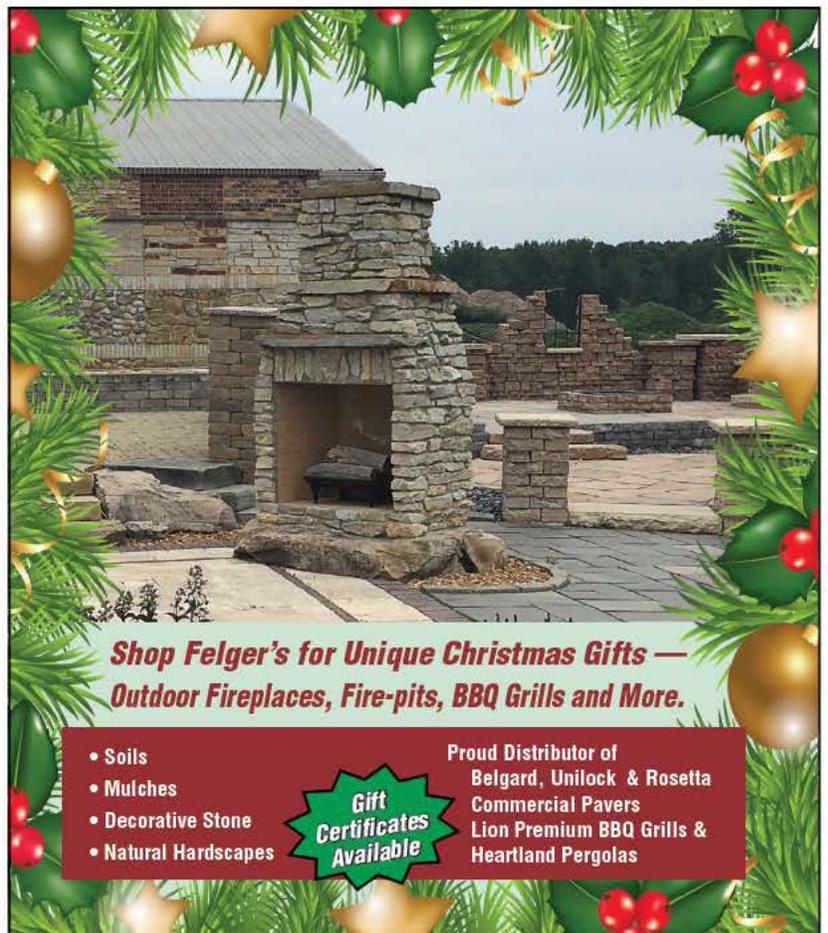
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By Ray Balogh

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## 1-30 FORT WAYNE: Christmas at the Conservatory

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- "Snow Days" holiday garden exhibit, Dec. 1 through Jan. 7, 2018
- "Garden in Lights," Dec. 1 through Jan. 7, 2018
- Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Sat., Dec. 2
- Santa and the Reindeer, noon-4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 2, 9, 16
- Snow Days concert, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 7
- Suzuki Strings holiday concert, 2 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Sun., Dec. 10
- Extended holiday hours, open until 8 p.m.

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[monroevillein.com](http://monroevillein.com).

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## 5 FORT WAYNE: Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

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## 5-29 WABASH: Movies

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## 9 DECATUR: Decatur Artisan Craft Market

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[facebook.com/adamscountywintermarket](https://www.facebook.com/adamscountywintermarket).

## 14 FORT WAYNE: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical"

Stage production based on the beloved animated television special. \$55/\$40/\$25. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000 [fwembassytheatre.org](http://fwembassytheatre.org).



## 21 FORT WAYNE: Serving Our Seniors Lunch and a Movie

Enjoy a free lunch and a heartwarming holiday movie. Free admission. 1 p.m. Thursday, Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Ave. RSVP to 260.422.8520

[lifecarecenteroffortwaynein.com](http://lifecarecenteroffortwaynein.com).

## 31 ROANOKE: New Year's Eve Dinner Show

Features The Brat Pack. Benefit for Oak Hill Farm. \$45/person. 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. show Sunday, The Cottage, US 24 at Locust. Call 260.483.3508 for ticket

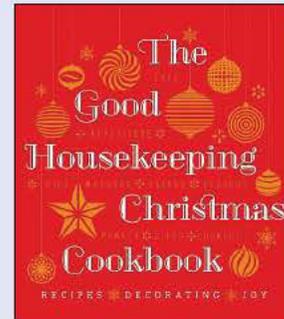
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# December Books

By Steve Penhollow

The December holiday season is a time for entertaining and for being entertained. It is also a time for hiding yourself away with a good book and a blanket. Here are two good books that will indulge your love of entertaining and your love of good books.



## The Good Housekeeping Christmas Cookbook

By Susan Westmoreland and the editors at Good Housekeeping magazine

Hearst \$30

ISBN-10: 1618372203;

ISBN-13: 978-16183722080

Despite its name, "The Good Housekeeping Christmas Cookbook" is not just a cookbook. It is a Christmas compendium and handbook covering all sorts of topics related to this holiday season, including decorating, entertaining and making your own gifts.

Recipes encompass entrees, sides, elixirs and desserts. Some of the 300 recipes come from celebrity chefs and some of the holiday anecdotes in the book come from other luminaries like Mariah Carey and Reese Witherspoon.

All the recipes have been tested by Good Housekeeping chefs to ensure success.

The book is packed with pictures and is easy to use despite being loaded with information.



## New York Christmas: Recipes and Stories

By Lisa Nieschlag and Lars Wentrup

Murdoch Books \$29.95

ISBN-10: 1760634204;

ISBN-13: 978-1760634209

In the Midwest, we aren't so familiar with the "Christmas in Manhattan" obsession.

But on the east coast, many people living in New Jersey and New England (and elsewhere) make a pilgrimage to the island in November or December to take in a show, go shopping, go skating, gaze at sumptuously decorated windows and eat fabulous food.

This is a book for learning about and appreciating that phenomenon.

"New York Christmas: Recipes and Stories" features about 50 recipes that should evoke the Manhattan eating experience at Christmastime, including Blueberry Brownies and New York Cheesecake. 🏠

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# Festival of Gingerbread



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By Ray Balogh

Youth and adults, amateurs and professionals will display their Yuletide creativity at the Festival of Gingerbread, which runs through Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Fort Wayne History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne.

Artists will vie for individual and group cash prizes in the following categories: pre-K through second grade, third through sixth grade, teens, adults, families and professionals.

The competition typically draws more than 100 entrants, with some creations donated to a silent auction to benefit The History Center.

Some contestants will qualify for the historical theme competition by submitting an entry depicting "a historical building, place or thing."

The History Center will host several other activities during the festival. December events, which run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., include:

- **A visit from Santa Claus**, Sat., Dec. 2
- **Storytelling**, presented by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana, Sun., Dec. 3
- **Science of Sugary Structures** presented by Science Central, Sat., Dec. 9, \$3 plus admission
- **Cookie decorating party**, Sun., Dec. 10, \$1 plus admission

Museum admission is \$6 for adults 18-64, \$4 for seniors 65 and older, \$4 for youth 3-17, free for children 2 and under and The History Center members.

Special festival hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. through Thurs., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., and noon to 5 p.m. Sun.

For more information, call 260.426.2882 or visit [www.fwhistorycenter.com](http://www.fwhistorycenter.com).

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By Deborah C. Gerbers

Photo by Sue Rawlinson

*Heidi Anderson, owner of Dogwoods Home Décor, has an eye for design and ways to furnish and accent any space. Her shop carries exclusive lines of products with something for everyone.*

### What is your design/décor background? When and why did you open Dogwoods?

I was an editor for Atlanta Homes & Lifestyle magazine where I worked with Atlanta's top interior designers and then worked in public relations for 12 years for premiere real estate developers, shelter companies and retailers such as The Home Depot and Best Buy. My mom was an interior designer in Fort Wayne as well and renovated The Embassy in the '80s. I spent many weekends at The Mart in Chicago as a child.

I opened Dogwoods Oct. 7, 2016, to offer home accents, tabletop and gifts that were not being offered locally.

### What is your vision with home décor, and how do you help customers find the look they are after?

I love clean, balanced interior design. Your eye needs to feel relaxed when you enter a room. Symmetry helps to calm the eye and a balance of different textures keeps it interesting. Don't be afraid to mix different wood finishes and metals. Often customers just need to clear away some clutter and update their homes with a few new accent pieces. Small touches can go a long way in updating a home's décor.

## Dogwoods Home Décor Heidi Anderson

### What makes your shop unique, and what can you offer to customers that sets you apart?

We try to offer excellent customer service and brands that are exclusive to Dogwoods, such as Juliska, Simon Pearce and Match Pewter.

### What are some trends you're seeing with interior décor?

Gold and antique brass are huge trends right now in lighting and home accents. Kitchen lighting and hardware in gold tones blends seamlessly with chrome faucets and appliances. Metallics are huge; don't be afraid to mix them. Think how each room flows into the next; a gold tone pendant light in a foyer paired with metallic accents in the next room helps your eye to transition from one space to the next.

### Anything else about you and/or Dogwoods you'd like readers to know?

We are so grateful to be open in Fort Wayne and love helping our customers with their home décor and gifting needs! We offer a wedding registry and gift wish lists too. Often friends and family members appreciate knowing exactly what you'd like to receive. 🏠

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9805 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804  
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