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# HOLIDAY



# Add Spice to Your Holiday Season

Want to turn your dinner party into a festive soiree? Nothing puts people into the holiday spirit better than a spiced rum cake.

A rum cake with genuine spiced rum from Puerto Rico is a great way to start the holiday season and the perfect complement to any holiday meal. Spiced rum is one of the most versatile and popular blends of rum because of the great flavor it brings to both cooking and drink recipes. For all of the dinners you host or attend this season, you're sure to be a hit with this easy-to-follow recipe. Serve it with whipped cream and chopped nuts for added flavor.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cream butter and brown sugar in a large bowl. Add the honey, eggs, water and rum. Mix well.

In another bowl, combine the cake flour, baking powder and salt. Pour over the creamed mixture and beat until all ingredients are combined. Pour the batter into a greased, 8-inch round pan. Bake for 30 minutes, or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Let cake cool in the pan or on a cooling rack.

To serve, invert the cake onto a platter. (Trim the top if uneven.) Sift confectioner's sugar on top.

## RUM CAKE (BIZCOCHO DE RON)

Serves 8

This recipe is from Yvonne Ortiz's "A Taste of Puerto Rico," 1994.

- 1/2 pound (1 stick) butter or margarine, at room temperature
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1/2 cup honey
  - 2 eggs
  - 1/2 cup water
  - 1/2 cup spiced rum from Puerto Rico
  - 2 cups cake flour, sifted
  - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Butter to grease pan  
Confectioner's sugar for garnish



SPICE UP the holidays with this rum cake, featuring spiced rum from Puerto Rico.

### RIBBON ORNAMENTS

A handmade tree ornament is a wonderful hostess gift. Using strips of fabric or ribbon, make a pretty star ornament by stitching strips in different colors and widths on a fabric square. Draw a star pattern and pin it to the ribboned fabric. Cut out two and stitch together. Fill with stuffing (available at craft and dime stores) and add a satin ribbon loop for hanging.

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Finding that special book is an adventure in itself, so take the time to "taste test" many books. If you have children in tow, it's even more fun. Are they interested in the subject matter? Are the words "too big"? Does the book contain too many pictures and not enough information?

To help make shopping for children's books a pleasure, Bernice Cullinan, an internationally renowned reading specialist and author of *Read To Me: Raising Kids Who Love To Read*, recommends the following guidelines.

1. **Keep an open mind about your child's interests.** Kids are curious, and enthusiasm is contagious. If you're excited about natural history or visual arts, they will be also. Too often, parents assume that a shelf full of books about sports means their kids don't have an interest in other subjects. Children are responsive to learning all sorts of things about the world around them, and books are a great way to pique their curiosity.

2. **Some books are more than books.** It's clear that the more senses involved in the learning process, the more quickly children learn. That is, if you feel textures, lift flaps, look inside buildings, see how musical instruments are made, etc., you'll remember what you learn much longer. Find out if your bookstore carries "interactive" books, such as the new *Voyages of*

*Discovery* series from Scholastic, which includes page after page of things that move, cutouts, books-within-books, flaps, stickers, transparent pages and special textured papers — all designed to totally involve the reader in the learning experience.

3. **Choose books with "real" experiences.** Books that involve several of your child's senses bring the written word closer to reality than ordinary books. For example, if you read a book about painting on "papyrus," would your child know what papyrus is? (Papyrus reeds were used in Egypt to make the earliest forms of paper.) No matter how well-described, the word still remains abstract. But if children see an actual piece of papyrus, they know what it is. "Paint and Painting," one of the titles in *Voyages of Discovery*, allows the reader to actually touch a sheet of papyrus, thereby bringing the experience even closer to reality. Reading books like these is like going to a "touch-me" museum.

4. **Children are unbelievably curious, so never underestimate their intelligence.** They will learn from the world that surrounds them and tackle any book if the subject matter is intriguing. A book that explores music from all angles, for example, may be just the inspiration they need to pick up a musical instrument. Van Cliburn's mother played recordings of classical piano music while he was in the crib.

And don't be afraid to select books that call people, places and things by their real names. Learning "big" words and concepts boosts children's vocabulary and their self-esteem.

5. **Choose books that you and your child can enjoy together.**

Something magical happens when parents and children read together. A child + a parent + a book = "book bonding" that lasts a lifetime. The way information is put together in the *Voyages of Discovery* series — in words and graphic design — makes the books as interesting to adults as they are to children.

Once you've made a holiday book selection for your children, help them make parallels between books and real life. According to Kate Waters, editor of the *Voyages of Discovery* series, these books can be a point of departure for young people who may be inspired to continue the learning process on their own.

"Parents should join in the adventure, too. If you've purchased a book about space, take your kids to a planetarium — or at least outside to explore the night sky. Visit museums to let your children see original artwork up close. And if they loved that book about music, give them the pleasure of hearing a concert," says Waters. "Each *Voyage* includes a reference section with suggestions for further reading, addresses of museums, observatories and other places to visit."

Scholastic's *Voyages of Discovery* is a richly illustrated journey into the world of the arts and sciences. The first four titles, "Exploring Space," "Paint and Painting," "Musical Instruments" and "Taming Fire," have a cover price of \$19.95 each. Created for children ages 8 and up, *Voyages* makes learning an adventure that everyone in the family can share — and a series that can be collected and enjoyed again and again.

The next four titles will be introduced in the spring, so start building your library now. HO945134

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## Give Gifts That Add Something Extra to Everyday Life

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"You know I'll love anything you get me!"

"We're going to draw names for the office gift exchange this year!"

If any of these three dreaded, holiday expressions ring familiar, you're not alone. Everyone has someone on their gift list who's hard to buy for.

Gift-giving should be fun for both the giver and the recipient. However, hours spent indecisively combing the mall or last-minute shopping fraught with the pressure to buy at any cost are all too common. How do you keep the holiday spirit and capture that especially good feeling associated with finding the perfect gift?

There are several things a shopper should keep in mind. First, a large price tag does not necessarily mean you've found the perfect gift. Remember that your neighborhood drugstore can be a treasure trove of gifts. Second, think about giving something that is practical, yet indulgent. An object that adds something extra to everyday life or makes even a routine chore more pleasurable has a lot of value. Third, uniqueness in a gift always makes it stand out from the crowd, and people enjoy receiving

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By thinking creatively and staying within your means, it's easy to find a gift for your hard-to-buy-for person. Remember to think practical, yet indulgent, and keep your eyes open for unique items.



**INDULGE WHEN GIVING a gift to that hard-to-buy-for person in your life.** Neutrogena offers Rainbath ShowerCare Collections, a yard-long bar of soap and a gallon-size container of Rainbath Shower and Bath Gel as holiday gift-giving ideas.

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| ¾ cup sugar         | (or ½ cup apricot or peach liqueur) |
| 1 quart Jamaica rum | 1 quart soda water                  |
| 1 pint brandy       |                                     |

Dissolve sugar in lemon juice. Add spirits and stir. To serve, place large block of ice in punch bowl, pour in punch and soda water and stir. Garnish with thinly sliced lemons. Makes about twenty-four half-cup servings.

### The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

One clear, cold Christmas Eve, a man walked through the snow toward his home. As he looked up through the branches of the evergreens along the way, he saw hundreds of stars twinkling like silver jewels. He was enthralled and wished he might share this beauty with his small daughter, who was an invalid. He hurried home to fetch his axe and returned to find a beautiful evergreen with full branches. He chose the loveliest of all and took the tree into his home.

On its branches he placed lighted candles, so that his daughter would know something of the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of the trees. It was almost as if the light of heaven was within their small home.

Today, the twinkling lights on our tree remind us of the light from heaven above.

### The Legend of The Holly

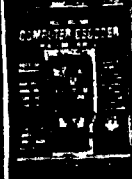
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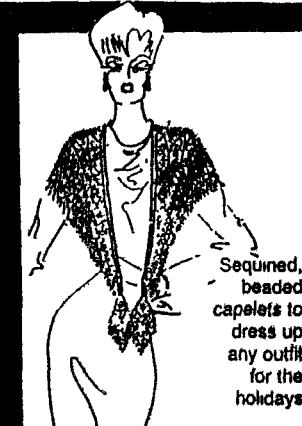
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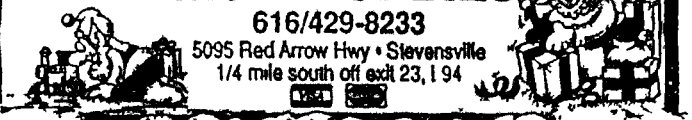
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Early Twelfth Night cakes were baked with a bean in one side, a pea in the other and a number of cloves throughout (documented to a party at Whitehall, 1613). The host or hostess cut the cake into equal slices for the guest, with men receiving slices from one side and women from the other. The man who found the bean became King of the Feast; the woman who found the pea became the Queen, and those who found the cloves were Courtiers.

The King of the Feast could order his subjects to play his favorite game, dance, sing, recite poems, play charades or anything else! In some circles, the King would have to host the party the next year and the Queen would have to make the next year's cake.

According to one custom, the youngest child present distributed the pieces. Among the French Creoles, a napkin would be placed over the cake while it was being cut and served so that if the bean was exposed, no one would see it.

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| 1 pound butter   | 9 eggs, separated                     |
| 2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed                  | 3/4 cups flour                        |
| 2 teaspoons cinnamon                                     | 2 teaspoons mace                      |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda                                   | 2 teaspoons cinnamon                  |
| 2 pounds seedless raisins                                | 3 pounds currants                     |
| 1/2 cup almonds, blanched and chopped or cut into strips | 1/2 cup citron                        |
|  | 1/2 cup candied peel, cut into strips |

In a large bowl, cream the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until light. In a separate bowl, beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored, and add them to the butter-sugar mixture. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold in a second cup of light brown sugar and add this to the first mixture. In a bowl, sift the flour, mace, cinnamon and baking soda, stir in the currants, raisins and almonds. Add the flour-and-fruit mixture to the egg-butter-sugar mixture. Combine the citron and candied peel and set aside.

Line two 12-inch round pans with waxed paper, buttered on both sides. Fill each pan 3/4 full, adding layers of citron and candied peel. Cover loosely with buttered paper and tie into place. Steam the cake for three hours and then bake it 1 1/2 hours in a slow oven (300 degrees) or bake it

for 4 hours at 275 degrees without steaming. The cake is done when it is firm to the touch and a wire cake tester comes out clean and dry. Run a knife around the inside of the pan and remove the cake when nearly cool. Frost with a thin, white icing and decorate with figures of birds, animals and flowers.

## Free Brochure Makes Toy Selection Simple

With hundreds of different electronic toys on the shelves, picking the right one can be a challenge. To make selection easier, VTECH® offers a free brochure, "Smart Play: A Guide to Learning and Discovering With Toys," filled with helpful tips on everything from shopping for to purchasing and using electronic learning toys with kids. There's even a section of ideas on how parents can play along with their kids. Following are a few helpful hints from the brochure.

- Make sure the toy is child-friendly.
- The toy should fit comfortably in the hands or lap of a child, make sure the buttons and knobs are sized right for little fingers.
- Consider toys that are durable and will travel well. Children (and parents) will appreciate a toy that keeps them entertained for long periods of time.
- Older children like to interact with one another. A toy that features one- and two-player modes might be an ideal choice.
- The graphics and/or subject matter should be suitable for the child's age. Make sure the screen is large and easy to read.

Look for toys with friendly voices and/or sound effects that will encourage the child as he/she learns.

Selecting the right toy for various age groups is also very important. If the toy is too easy for them, they'll become bored quickly; if it's too advanced, they are likely to get frustrated. Here are some tips on what to look for when purchasing electronic learning toys for infants/toddlers, preschoolers and grade-school-age children:

- Infants:** Look for toys with big, chunky buttons, bright colors and bold graphics. Toys should have friendly, talking voices that are easy to understand, as well as multiple functions that enable the toy to "grow" with the child.
- Preschoolers:** Toys that teach letter and number identification, basic spelling, sounds, music, matching and simple memory patterns are the most beneficial. Other features, such as attractive colors, bold graphics, built-in travel compartments, and carry handles for take-along fun, are considered a plus.
- Grade-School:** Older children will enjoy a toy that allows them several opportunities to guess the correct

answers. Children this age usually feel more "grown-up" if their toy has a sophisticated look and feel to it — similar to mom and dad's laptop computers. Look for toys with built-in activities that offer exercises in problem-solving, basic computing, geography, ecology, vocabulary and general trivia. Also, try to find toys that can be expanded by additional cards or cartridges.

When shopping for an electronic learning toy, VTECH recommends the following advice:

- Be sure to take along a copy of "Smart Play: A Guide to Learning and Discovering With Toys," when shopping for electronic toys this holiday season. For a free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to VTECH "Smart Play Offer," 30 West Palatine Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.

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- Fold a fringed shawl into a triangle, drape it on the mantel with the fringe dripping over the edge, and create a still life of candelabrum, bibelots and dried flowers on top
- Place several different sizes of poinsettia plants in cachepots or baskets and add trailing ivy.
- Cover the mantel or a wide windowsill with a bed of Spanish moss, tuck in pieces of ivy and holly, pinecones, natural or painted, and a few gilded nuts and fruit.
- Fill cachepots, terra-cotta pots or baskets with pinecones and place on the mantel or windowsills.

- Set out a bowl of lady apples and pomanders on a bed of evergreen in the living room
- Use wooden bowls, baskets, stoneware, ceramic pitchers and cachepots for a country or rustic look
- Drape a long rope of greens over the front door, letting it fall halfway to the ground on each side, attach a red velvet or satin bow over the doorway, and encircle the garland with a streamer of the same ribbon. Frame the entry further by placing a full red poinsettia plant on each side of the doorway.
- Decorate the rim of a hanging basket by gluing on Spanish moss, clusters of colorful straw flowers, dried statice and heather, and fill it with fresh apples
- Fill a woven basket with large pinecones interspersed with

- clusters of delicate baby's breath, then thread tiny white lights throughout, hiding the wires under the pinecones
  - Place extra mirrors around the house during the holidays to add to the glow by reflecting and multiplying the special effects of your decorations
  - Use a galvanized pail for an ice bucket and tie a big calico bow or two western-style bandannas around it for a casual country look for a party.
  - Tape, tie or staple Christmas cards to ribbon streamers to hang for display
  - Hang flat snowflake ornaments on the firescreen to create an interesting illusion against the warming blaze. HL946123
- From 365 Ways To Prepare For Christmas (HarperCollins)

## Parents Perplexed Over Plethora of Playthings Look to Kids for Toy Picks

It's the season for parents to sift through the avalanche of new toys and games and brave miles of toy aisles nationwide. But parents — take heed — the task of selecting the best toy is much easier than it appears if you know where to look.

"Many parents look for the answers to their toy-buying needs on toy store shelves. However, a better place to start the search is much closer to home — it's with their children," says Dr. Istar Schwager, educational psychologist and parenting expert. Parents will succeed at finding a suitable toy if they observe their children's hobbies, interests, and personalities before going into a toy store.

Schwager offers the following guidelines on finding just the right toys for the kids on your holiday gift list:

- **Look for toys that encourage social skills.** It's important for kids to get along with other kids. Playing with toys that require two or more players encourages children to interact with one another. Through playing, kids learn important skills, like communicating, cooperating and negotiating with others.

- **Consider your child's hobbies and interests.** Your child's favorite activities will provide clues to the kinds of toys he/she would enjoy. For example, a child who is fascinated by bridges and the way they are built will appreciate a construction set. Children who show an interest in science might enjoy using a junior microscope set.

- **Follow age guidelines.** Always look on the toy box for age recommendations. They are provided by toy manufacturers for both developmental and safety reasons, and should be taken seriously.

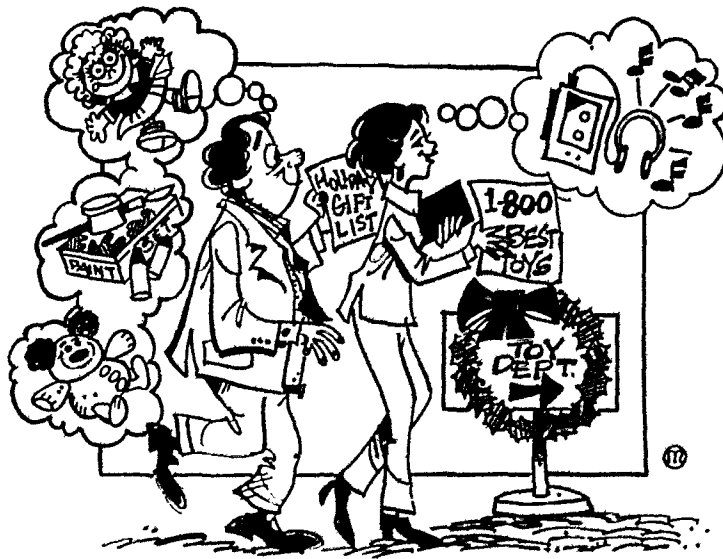
- **Provide the power to play.** For any toys that require batteries, such as hand-held games, make sure you have the right number and size of batteries. Long-lasting alkaline batteries, such as Duracell, are recommended. For even better value, look for batteries in multi-packs.

- **Offer options.** If you object to a toy your children choose, be honest and tell them why. Then try to offer some alternatives. You might be able to find a toy you can both agree on. For example, if your child wants an elaborate racetrack set, compromise and offer a radio control racecar.

- **Select a few toys that travel well.** The holiday season is a popular traveling season. Keeping your child busy during that long ride to grandmother's house can be a breeze if you bring along some well-chosen portable toys. Many toy companies now offer travel versions of their more popular games.

- **Don't overlook time-tested treasures.** What's hot in December may be old news by March. Time-honored favorites are always a good choice if you want to stay away from very trendy toys.

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Chris Webber doesn't fit in a box, but smart gift-givers can bring all of the excitement and style of the NBA home this holiday season with the latest in NBA products. Hip and vibrant like the NBA game itself, NBA merchandise is the perfect gift to brighten someone's holiday season.

With a full range of items and styles from which to choose, you'll have no problem pleasing everyone on your holiday shopping list. Would your future all-star like to collect basketball cards or store his Shaquille O'Neal replica jersey in his miniature kid's locker? Would you like to keep your special dribbler clean with a bib emblazoned with an NBA team logo? Would dad like to show his team's colors with an NBA team watch every time he takes a time-out?

Produced by the industry's most

reputable companies, NBA products come in every popular style and color. They're durable enough to take the rigors of competitive basketball, yet fashionable enough to be worn to school. To ensure authenticity, all NBA merchandise features a hang tag or sticker with a counterfeit-proof holographic image.

NBA products are not just for kids. Research confirms that more than 66.8 million Americans (40 percent) own/purchase NBA merchandise, and one look at the latest music video, hit television show or blockbuster movie confirms the popularity of NBA products. Even the casual observer can see that NBA merchandise means style, whether in the gym, school or mall.

There are many different products available for the NBA fan in your life.

**Apparel:** replica game jerseys, practice wear, warm-ups, team caps, T-shirts with team logos and player caricatures, team jackets and sweat-shirts.

**Games and Toys:** electronic video games, trading cards, a full line of videos and books, basketballs, backboards (portable or permanent) and player posters.

**Specialty Items:** team watches, backpacks, gym bags, school supplies (pens, pencils, loose leafs, notebooks and folders), miniature kids' lockers and home furnishings (comforters, lamps, wallpaper and blankets).

Once you've decided that NBA merchandise is the right gift choice, how do you choose from the more than 1,000 different products? Here are a few tips to help make your shopping easier:

1) Find out the favorite team or

player of your special fan. If you can't, don't despair, because merchandise with the NBA logo is just as popular.

2) If you're buying apparel, find out his or her size. But again, if you can't, don't worry. Most caps are adjustable, and oversized T-shirts, shorts, sweat-shirts and jackets are in style.

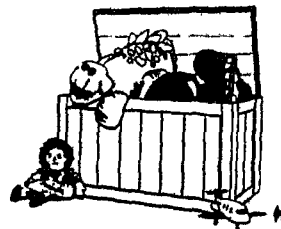
3) Don't fret if you're not sure where to find that special NBA item. NBA merchandise is carried by thou-

sands of outlets worldwide, and you can be sure it's available (and authentic) at Champs, Foot Locker, The Sports Authority, Sears, JCPenney stores and other fine retailers.

And if you're still looking for more ideas about NBA merchandise, keep an eye out for local advertisements. Remember, an NBA gift is guaranteed to score points during the holiday season. HL945826



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As the holiday season approaches, gift-givers will once again test their creativity as they try to find new, meaningful gifts for old friends and cherished relatives. One way to make a memorable and long-appreciated impact is to build the gift around an unexpected theme. Here are a few simple and creative ideas that can be tailored to fit any budget.

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**• Back to School:** What student couldn't use a motivational boost to get back in the swing of things after a long holiday break? A multi-colored Thermos® Book Bag filled with note-

books, pens and pencils, and energizing snacks may be just the ticket. Kids will love the bag's hip, single carrying strap, and the front insulated pouch will keep their lunch fresh all morning long. Licensed lunch kits, such as the Flintstones® Rock Kit, The Mask™ or Superhuman Samurai Sybor-Squad™, are always a big hit. For girls, consider Barbie™ and Disney's The Little Mermaid Shell

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**• Fun in the Sun:** This year, gift-givers can bring some heat to their favorite frozen soul with a family-sized Thermos® Soft Cooler or Cooler Bag filled with fun beach accessories, such as brightly colored oversized towels, suntan lotion, a novel, a sand pail and shovel, a beach blanket and an inflatable beach ball.

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**• Kid's Day Out:** Even the most organized parents are tested when it comes to taking the kids on excursions. With so much to remember and so much to carry, the Thermos™ Picnic Cooler Bag is a perfect gift. Gift-givers can include a foam-insulated Thermos® Roughneck® Bottle and Snak™ Jars inside the Cooler Bag, while its integral mesh bag can be filled with travel games, spare diapers, baby wipes, bandages and sunscreen. Tickets to a ball game or an amusement park can be tucked into the detachable wrist pouch for an extra surprise.

### HELPFUL HINTS — UNDER WRAPS

- Wrap a silk scarf or handkerchiefs or a hard-to-pack small gift in parchment paper bought at an art supply store. Roll the present in the parchment and tie it around the middle with a thin red or gold cord. Use sealing wax to seal the package.
- Stores that sell wallpaper usually have remnants or old sample books that you can buy. Wallpaper patterns can be beautiful and unusual, often with embossed or flocked designs.
- Instead of spending money for a box that will only be discarded, buy a flowered underbed storage box. Storage boxes are inexpensive and easy to assemble; they will definitely be used long after the holidays are over. You can do the same with a hat box.
- Use the empty cardboard rolls from toilet tissue or paper towels to roll small stocking-stuffer gifts for a child. Cover the cardboard with foil paper, then wrap another piece of foil around it. Pinch the ends and tie at each end.

— From 365 Ways to Prepare for Christmas (HarperCollins)

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**Tip:** Don't rub hard! A good way to control your finger pressure is to place the tip of your thumb on your skin and massage with the other four fingers. The natural pressure that results from this hand position is ideal.

#### POST-SHOPPING RELAXER

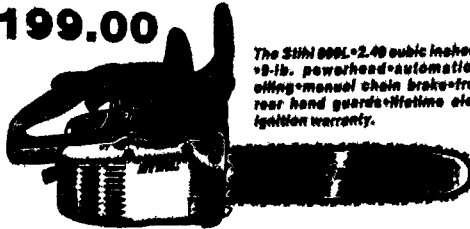
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**Directions:** Mix a handful of baking soda in a basin of warm water, have a seat, soak your feet and relax!

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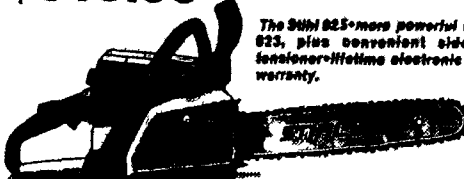
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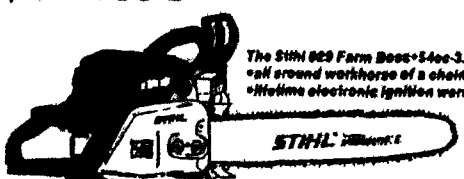
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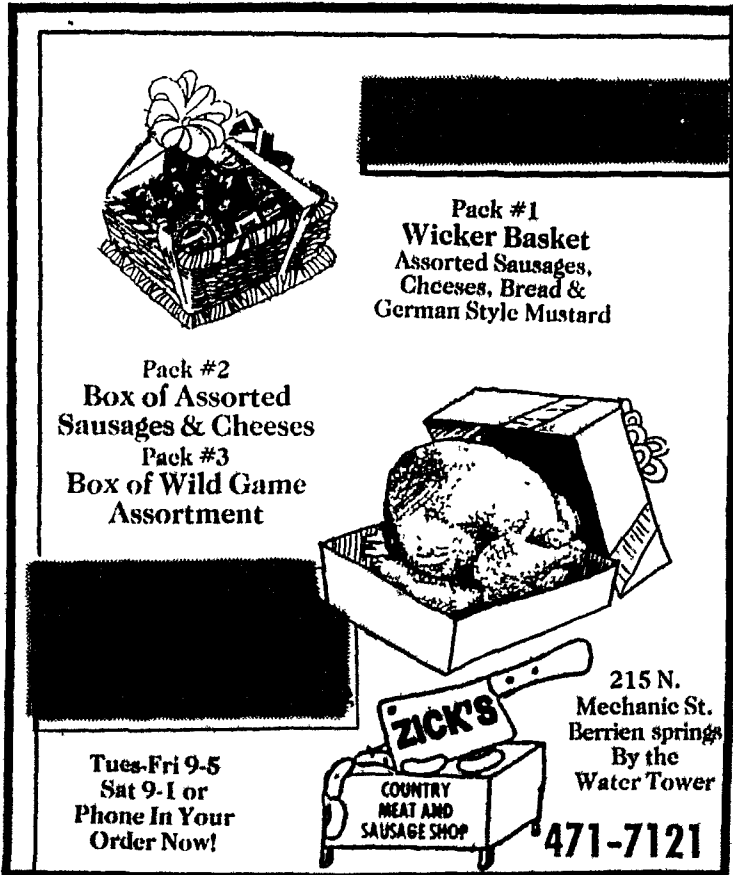
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## 10 Secrets to Make Your Holidays In the Kitchen Easier and Less Stressful

©When time is at a premium during the holidays, here is some advice from Dr. Myles H. Bader, author of the best-selling book, *4001 Food Facts and Chef's Secrets* (Mylin Publishing), that will make your life in the kitchen easier, more productive and possibly fun!

1. Store cottage cheese upside down in your refrigerator, and it will stay fresh seven to 10 days beyond the expiration date.
2. Save money by buying a non-Butterball turkey and cooking it upside down for the first hour. It will come out moist and juicy like a Butterball.
3. To make sure the fresh fish you buy is really fresh, check to see that the eyes are bulging, this indicates a fresh fish. No head on the fish? Press one finger lightly on the fish. If the depression comes back out, it is fresh; if it stays in, the fish is old.
4. You can tell if a cranberry is fresh by bouncing one. If it bounces, it's fresh.
5. Stop leaking ice cream cones by placing a marshmallow in the bottom of the cone.
6. To eliminate crawling insects from your home without using pesticides, simply place bay leaves in your cupboards, drawers, and flour and sugar containers. It really works.
7. That left-over Coca Cola that has lost its fizz makes a great toilet-bowl

cleaner. Just pour it into the toilet, and let it stand for an hour or so. It cleans better than any chemical cleaner, and it's safe for the environment.

8. To prevent soggy salads, place an inverted saucer in the bottom of the salad bowl. The excess liquid drains off under the saucer, and the salad stays fresh and crisp.

9. Keep a small, plastic sandwich bag handy when cooking. Then, should the phone ring while your hands are messy, you can simply place your hand in the bag and answer the phone.

10. Celery juice may be used as an effective stress reliever — not that anyone gets stressed out during the holidays!

The book also reveals dozens of ways to repair burned, scorched or over-seasoned foods.

Robin Leach, of TV's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," says this book is "a fun and useful book that should be on every kitchen counter in America."

This ultimate kitchen reference is not a cookbook, but contains more than 4,500 hints, tips, current health information and chef's secrets for making life a little easier. It makes a great holiday gift for anyone. With more than 280 pages and 41 chapters, the book is available for only \$14.95 by calling 1-800-497-6646, or check with your local bookstore. HO945082

## Gravlax: The Perfect Starter for a New Year's Celebration

When it comes to elegant celebrations, New Year's Eve is certainly on the list for everyone's list. Whether your plans include a party or a quiet dinner, the new year celebration is a time to celebrate with friends and family. Gravlax is a perfect appetizer for the occasion.

The following recipe for gravlax is perfect for a small dinner party or a special evening party. The recipe is from the book *Marina & Rossi's Dry Spicing* by Marina & Rossi. The book keeps well, so it's easy to enjoy a bit more the following day when you can savor every delicious morsel.

### GRAVLAX

- 1 Fresh salmon (about 2 pounds), skin on,
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh dill
- 1/2 teaspoon Marina & Rossi Extra Dry Vermouth

1. Place salmon in a shallow dish. Rub with olive oil. Combine salt and pepper with 1 tablespoon dill and rub onto flat or both sides.

### MUSTARD SAUCE

- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
  - 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
  - 1/2 teaspoon Marina & Rossi Extra Dry Vermouth
  - 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
  - 1/2 teaspoon fresh dill
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

In a small bowl, combine the first four ingredients. Slowly whisk in the oil, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the mixture thickens. Whisk in the lemon juice and dill. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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# This Holiday, Teach Your Children... Without Them Finding Out

Most kids think playing with an "educational" toy offers about the same amount of fun as a visit to the dentist. And, considering how dry and boring many of these products are, who can blame them? Well, here's something different — toys that are so much fun that kids will have no idea they're learning anything.

Toymakers are being extra clever this holiday season, providing a host of products that subtly offer great learning benefits to kids, while putting the primary emphasis on fun. The result: products both parent and child will love.

Let's start with Golden Books Arts & Crafts, where the days of weaving wallets from plastic strips and decorating egg crates are over. Today's generation of Arts & Crafts products are designed to develop imagination and enhance a young person's creativity. New items for 1994 include:

- **Shrinky Dinks** — Here's a product you probably remember from your childhood. Color in the plastic figure, then bake and watch as it shrinks to one-third its original size — and three times its original thickness — in minutes! Kids can turn the finished pieces into barrettes, key chains, jewelry and more. For ages 6 and up, Shrinky Dinks sell for about \$4.99 and \$6.99, depending on style.

- **Barbie for Girls Designs by Me** — Now the world of high fashion has come to girls' bedrooms across America. Kids create their very own unique no-sew fashions for Barbie with these easy-to-do-kits. Ages 3 to 7

The suggested retail price is \$8.49

- **Jim Henson's Muppets Workshop** — These ingenious kits combine a host of great craft activities with America's favorite characters. Ages 3 to 7. The suggested retail price is \$4.49 to \$8.49, depending on the item.

Electronic Books have become one of the hottest categories in toydom, and no wonder. These examples of technological wizardry give kids a thrill, while instilling a love of words and reading. These new toys for 1994, from industry leader Golden Books, all have the added benefit of encouraging parent/child interaction.

- **Sounds By Me Books** — It's like giving a child their own multi-million-dollar recording studio — for \$19.95. Now kids can become part of the story by recording their very own sounds and playing them back as the book is read. Sounds stay programmed until a new sound is recorded. Ages 5 and up. Suggested retail price is \$19.95.

- **Magic Corner Books** — Now even very young children can get in on the electronic book fun with Magic Corner Books. The stories are simple, the pages are sturdy and the four random sounds are available at the touch of a single button. Books include characters from Sesame Street and The Lion King. Ages 2 and up. Suggested retail price is \$8.95.

- **The Randomizer** — Is it a book? Is it a puzzle? Is it a high-tech game? The Randomizer is all three — and it's non-stop fun for kids ages 7 and up. Press the button and follow the flashing light

If the secret tune plays — you earn bonus points. Featuring hot titles, including *Sonic the Hedgehog* and *Carmen Sandiego*. The Randomizer's unique design helps develop a child's problem-solving abilities. Suggested retail price is \$10.95.

Educational benefits shouldn't be forgotten when selecting stocking stuffer items. Here are some products that are sure to do a child a great deal more good than a box of candy or a new pair of socks. These products from Golden Books Color/Activity, teach children school readiness skills and promote hand-eye coordination, problem-solving skills and imagination — and they do it at a great price.

- **Preschool Sticker Books** — Featuring 16 pages jam-packed with colorful pressure-sensitive stickers, Preschool Sticker Books offer plenty of play value at a great low price. Titles include *Be Safe with Barney* and *Sesame Street*. Ages 2 to 4. Suggested retail price is \$1.99.

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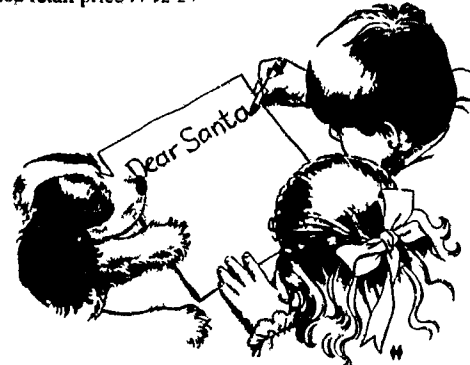
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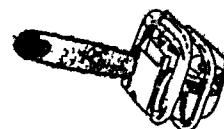


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Having trouble finding the right gifts to give this holiday season? Sansui clock radios and audio/video components offer features that will appeal to even the most fickle friends and relatives, all with Sansui quality at affordable prices.

Sansui's VideoSnap enables you to save your videotaped holiday moments forever on Polaroid Spectra® film with the touch of a button. And if audio systems are at the top of your gift list, Sansui's MS 7766, with six-compact disc capability, is the perfect gift to give and even better to receive. Finally, Sansui's hi-fidelity clock radios are highly styled to fit any decor, and feature sounds unheard of in clock radios. All models, including the CKD 500 with programmable CD player, have dual alarms and big 0.9-inch LED clock displays, making them easy on your ears and eyes.

Chances are everyone on your wish list knows that a picture is worth a thousand words. So, wouldn't it be great if they could get pictures from their home videos of the family exchanging gifts? It's now possible with Sansui's VideoSnap, the world's first low-cost video printer that delivers Polaroid Spectra pictures from camcorders, VCRs, television screens or any other video source. Simply press the freeze button, when you like what you see, press the print button and a Polaroid print pops out in a second. Now, parents will be able to capture their children's special moments from their camcorders in an instant with a VideoSnap Polaroid picture.

The Sansui MS 7766 Compact Disc Changer Mini-Component Audio System is tailor-made for those who would rather relax and enjoy their favorite music right from their easy chair. The 6+1 compact disc changer provides hours of uninterrupted music, and the PLL digital tuner makes choosing a station a breeze.

In addition, the dual-well auto-reverse cassette deck makes dubbing simple, and the clock/sleep tuner adds to the total convenience of this system. With a full 50 watts of sound power per channel and sound field control, the MS 7766 is a powerful, full-featured mini-component system.

The MS 7766's CD changer is an internal stacking design and features 24-track programmability, combining convenience with the technologically advanced one-bit switching digital-to-analog converters and eight-times oversampling digital filters.

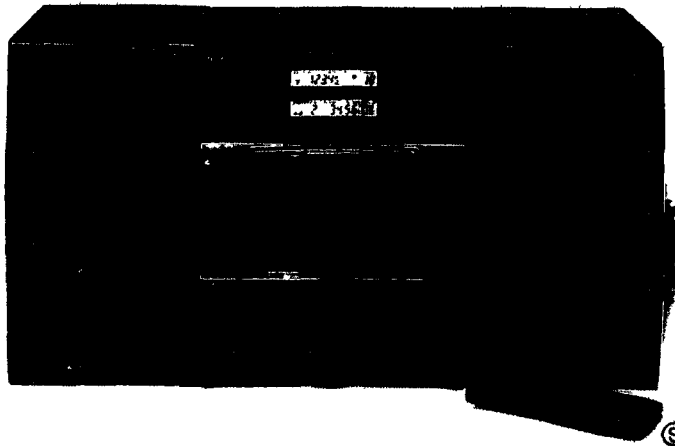
With the touch of a button, you can choose one of 30 preset radio stations. The Dynamic Bass Boost

System can be engaged at the touch of a button, and the 48-key wireless remote allows control over just about everything from anywhere in the room. With the MS 7766, friends and family alike will no doubt exercise their right to lounge.

Waking up to your favorite holiday compact disc is now possible with Sansui's top-of-the-line clock radio,

the CKD 500 Desktop Compact Disc Player. It features a 20-track programmable CD player with repeat and random play functions, with an oversized green 0.9-inch LED clock display and separate CD display with track and program number readout. Elapsed time and play/pause symbols are also easily visible at a glance, especially helpful when there is still sleep in your eyes. In addition, two 3.5-inch speakers provide exceptional stereo sound that can be heard while you are showering, or lull you to sleep at the end of the day. Even more, with a suggested retail price of \$179.95, you won't lose any sleep over giving the CKD 500 as a gift.

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Sure! Just take a look at History Safari™, an innovative combination of a beautifully illustrated history book and an electronic quiz game from Educational Insights, the same folks who produced the award-winning GeoSafari Learning System.

History Safari will have children and adults mesmerized for hours. Its combination of printed text and interactive quizzes will send even the most disinterested couch-bound kids on a spellbinding adventure back in time.

Offering hours of captivating reading for adults and children, History Safari is the gift of a lifetime! Not only is the book engaging by itself, but History Safari takes it one giant step further to really grab kids who have been brought up on computer games. History Safari's "CompuQuizzer" is actually a battery-operated, computerized quiz machine built into the back cover of the book.

More than 2,000 years of world history come alive through the "CompuQuizzer," located along the right margin and operating dozens of multiple-choice quizzes. Electronic sounds and flashing lights capture kids' attention, guide them through the quiz and give instant, positive reinforcement.

Equally intriguing are the 256 pages of historically accurate illustrations and text — from the beginning of time to the present — the development of the planet, the rise of humanity, the explorations, the conflicts, the triumphs. More than 700 detailed, full-color illustrations make history something to explore and remember. Thirty-five detailed world and regional maps, plus 30 transcultural timelines, graphically show the parallel development of diverse civilizations worldwide.

This unique combination of fast-paced quiz games and historical facts boosts recall of history specifics, while at the same time providing a multicultural context for history. History Safari provides the "global picture" necessary for students (and history buffs) to interpret and understand the contextual significance of historical events.

According to a recent study by the U.S. History Report Card, while basic history information is being retained, few elementary through high school students "understand the interrelationships among historical events, persons

and documents."

Quality construction, superb academic content and educational value combine with hours of fast-action fun to make History Safari the perfect gift for children ages 10 and up, adults, history buffs and book lovers!

Suggested retail price is \$39.95. The CompuQuizzer requires four AAA-cell batteries. Look for History Safari at Waldenbooks and other specialty retail and teacher supply stores nationwide.



A WONDERFUL GIFT for history buffs and students ages 10 and up (including adults), History Safari, from Educational Insights, is an illustrated history book with an electronic quiz game built in for fun and improved learning. HG944994

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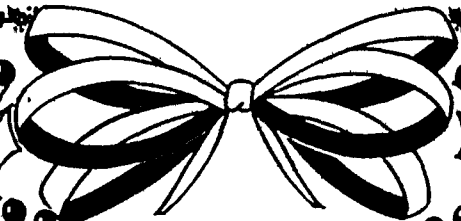
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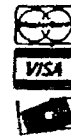
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# Make Your Own Wreath Filled With Christmas Memories

The wreath has long been a popular decoration for the holidays, positioned on doors and windows or accenting walls and mantelpieces. Wreaths have also grown in popularity as craft projects, with crafters customizing their Christmas decorations to reflect their own decor.

"Crafters are always busy during the holidays," says Susan Brandt of HIA (Hobby Industry Association). "Our research shows that, today, people are making more Christmas decorations for their own use first, and as gifts a close second. Wreath-making is extremely popular because you can achieve beautiful results using simple, readily available products, such as ribbons and beads."

One easy-to-make, yet totally unique wreath is made with personal mementos. Just collect small treasures from shelves and hidden-away boxes to display on your "Wreath of Memories." Mark Publishing suggests in its "The Best of Victorian Christmas Crafts" book to choose among tiny framed photos, small teddy bears, ornaments, shells, tiny sachet bags, bells, dried roses, little birds, single earrings, small wooden animals, Christmas stickers, lucky pennies, painted eggs, gold locket, small china figures, berries, little baskets and tiny wrapped boxes.

Start with one 30-inch artificial pine wreath, 60 small mementos, 20 small four-loop bows — each made with different ribbon, four yards of red wired beads and a glue gun with glue sticks (If you don't have a glue gun, mementos and ribbons can also be wired to the wreath.)

Simply glue your little treasures to the wreath, scattering the colors and items evenly. Tie ribbon scraps of all kinds into bows, and glue bows onto the wreath. Colors will mix well, and lace can be tied into small bows and added. Glue red wired beads to the wreath in a twining pattern. Tack beads to the wreath with dots of glue.

Now, hang your "Wreath of Memories" where your entire family will enjoy it — and remember the joys of Christmas's past.



THIS "WREATH OF MEMORIES" is easy to make using personal mementos and a glue gun. HL945427

# Keepsake Holiday Gifts Will Be Treasured for Years

Wondering what to give that special someone this holiday season? If she loves beautiful things, why not appeal to her aesthetic sensibilities with a gift she'll treasure for years? It's easy to please her with collectibles — and, best of all, you don't have to spend a fortune.

Here are a few gift suggestions:

• **Treasures of the Past** — Browse the antique stores — and even garage sales — for a pretty art-deco make-up compact or old-fashioned cigarette case like the ones used in the "Roaring '20s." They'll add a touch of true glamour to her handbag or dressing table.

• **Tiny Scents to Treasure** — Mini fragrance bottles are one of the hottest

collectibles of the '90s, and fragrances of all kinds are available in miniature replicas of their full-size bottles. If you can't choose just one this holiday season, you'll be glad to know that four popular fragrances are offered together in a beautiful miniature collection: the classic and fashionable NaVy, the fresh and sophisticated California by Jaclyn Smith, the mysterious and seductive Incognito, and the romantic Le Jardin de Max Factor. The limited-edition collection is available at a suggested retail price of only \$9.95, which includes a keepsake box.

• **Picture Perfect** — No one ever has enough photo frames. You can give her some that are really special —

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• **A Holiday Memory** — A pretty trinket for the tree or mantle, or a unique menorah or dreidel will make her holiday even more festive. Gift ornaments are more than just holiday items — they're memories she'll relive every year.

This season, be a creative gift-giver, and indulge your favorite person's love of beauty with a special something for her dressing table, a marvelous collection of miniature fragrances, a frame for her favorite photograph or a captivating holiday memento.



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#### THE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TABLE

When hosting a holiday occasion, set up a separate, special table for the younger guests. Festive decorations will keep kids smiling throughout the evening. Set the table with a red or green tablecloth, colorful plastic glasses for juice or soda and pretty place cards. A basket of cookies, such as chocolate holiday drums, make a delightful and delicious centerpiece.

The children can even make "place-card cookies" for the table. A few days in advance, have the kids decorate cookies with the names of the young guests, using frosting or colored sprinkles. Place the special cookies on the table above each guest's plate. Children will have warm memories of this festive event for many seasons to come.


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## Picture-Perfect Gifts for Everyone on the List

Few gifts mean more than those that help friends and family preserve special moments for years to come. This year, Kodak offers photo-related gift ideas for everyone on the list, no matter what the age, taste or price point.

### STOCKING STUFFERS

It's a snap for everyone to take great photos with Kodak Fun Saver 35 single-use cameras. Pre-loaded with Kodak Gold ultra 400 film, these one-time-use cameras are prepared to capture special moments from the second they're opened.

For the perfect stocking stuffer, look for the Kodak Fun Saver 35 with flash "Open Me First" edition all dressed up for the holidays. The Kodak Fun Saver Weekend 35 camera is encased in sturdy plastic for great photos on the ski slopes or even underwater up to 10 feet. Other models allow people to take panoramic, portrait and telephoto pictures.

For the bride-to-be, Kodak has an exceptional gift that's sure to be appreciated for years to come. The Kodak Fun Saver wedding party pack contains five wedding-edition, single-use cameras all dressed up for the big day with an elegant floral and lace design.

Film is always a welcomed gift, especially when it helps capture sharper pictures with rich, saturated color. The new family of Kodak Royal Gold films, available in speeds of 25, 100, 400 and 1000, have a superior image structure, making them a great choice for enlargements.

Beginning this holiday season, consumers who process Kodak Royal Gold film can request a Kodak Photofile Index system through participating retailers. Along with their prints, consumers will receive a small, 4-by-6-inch index print packaged with their negatives. The print illustrates all the photos from their roll of film, making it easy to store — and find — images for reprints and enlargements.

### A CAMEO CHRISTMAS

The Kodak Cameo line of small, sleek and stylish cameras will delight casual picture-takers and advanced photographers alike for many holiday seasons to come. Practical, affordable and easy-to-use, each Cameo point-and-shoot camera features a patented flip-up flash that helps reduce annoying "red eye." Kodak Cameo cameras come complete with a 24-exposure roll of Kodak film, batteries, a camera strap and \$10 worth of coupons for Kodak products.

### FIRST CAMERAS, FIRST MEMORIES

Few things make children prouder than holiday pictures they take themselves. For young people just getting started in photography, Kodak offers a variety of products that can help turn a youthful interest into a lifetime hobby.

The Kodak Cameo motor 110 combines drop-in film loading and motorized film advance to make it a great first camera for budding photographers. A patented flip-up flash reduces "red eye," maximizing children's satisfaction with their photos. Children as young as 5 years can also take great photos with Kodak Fun Saver 35 single-use cameras. And mom and dad won't have to worry about expensive equipment getting lost or broken.

### SUITABLE FOR FRAMING

Kodak frames make great gifts that will be treasured for a lifetime. Kodak offers a full-line of frames in a variety of sizes, styles and price points. All frames feature glass that reduces glare to protect pictures from fading and an upscale, slide-in back for easy picture installation. Additionally, Kodak offers a variety of decorative, inexpensive storage containers designed to safely and neatly house videotapes.

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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING TACTICS

- Try to shop in the early morning, before the salespeople have become overwhelmed and stocks depleted, you'll be less tired then, too.
- Go shopping with your list in hand or at least a game plan; this is no time to let inspiration be your guide.
- Instead of buying several small gifts for each member of a family, buy a family present, such as a hammock for the backyard or patio, a Ping-Pong set for the playroom, challenging computer software, or a video or CD sampler.
- Give yourself the gift of a bill-free January. Whenever possible pay cash for Christmas presents, it's also one

- way to ensure you won't go too far over budget.
- Before Thanksgiving, stock up on stamps, batteries, film, glasses, paper products and any other staples you might need. If you intend to give gifts from the kitchen or entertain, this is also the time to pick up the nonperishable and beverages.
- If your gift list gets too long, agree with friends and family to give gifts only to the children. Many will feel relieved at this suggestion.
- People close to you often let you know indirectly what they want. Pay attention to hints, listen and remember.

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