

# 'Tis the Season.....

With the holidays just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about all the entertaining you will be doing and how you will decorate your home for the occasion.

This time of year is full of social activities; guests for a meal, friends and neighbours for drinks and relatives coming to stay.

If you are having house guests, make sure the guest room is comfortable. It might be time to purchase new bed linen, pillows and bath towels. A new cushion on the bed will brighten the room. Provide a clock so they won't miss the fun and perhaps a mug for their morning coffee, a chair and a tray so they can store their valuables over night. Make sure the room has plenty of natural and artificial light as well as fresh air and the window coverings will block out the sun and heat.

The dining table usually gets a workout at this time of year. Ensure you have enough crockery, cutlery and glassware and check your table linen. A new festive cloth and a stunning centerpiece will set the scene. Flowers, ornaments or themed decorations can be used to great effect.

And don't forget to brighten up the kitchen. You will spend a lot of time there over the next few weeks, even more than normal, so it's nice to have a few new festive things around you. Whatever you do, make sure you keep comfort at the

forefront. You want to be comfortable in your own home and you want your guests to feel comfortable and welcomed too. Happy holidays!

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## Make your kitchen chores a festive event!

Christmas Gloves \$19.95, Ham Bag \$8.95, Gingerbread Cutter \$2.95, Snowflake Cutter \$3.95  
Cup Cake Wrappers \$7.00 - **All from The Red Pepper**  
Tea Towels \$9.95 set of 3 - **Bed Bath n Table**



## It's stylish to celebrate

Coasters \$19.95 set of 4, Green Bell Tree \$12.95, Red Plate \$8.95 - **Bed Bath n Table**.  
Link Napkin Rings \$34.50 set of 4, Rhubarb Dinner Setting from \$12.95 per piece,  
Paper Serviettes - **The Red Pepper**. Silver Candle Stick \$54.95, Silver Table  
Runner \$19.95, Wine Glasses \$39.95 set of 6, Pillar Candle \$17.95 - **Sorrento**



## Cheers and a toast to all

Joy To The World Plate \$14.95, Glass Baubles from \$4.95 each - **Bed Bath n Table**  
Cocktail Shaker \$52 for set, La Guiole Waiter's Friend \$132 - **Twig and Twine**  
The Australian Encyclopedia of Wine \$59.95, Fizz \$24.95 - **Book Review**  
Gold Glasses \$11.95 each, Bottle Stopper \$15.95, Glass Charms \$24.95,  
Ivory Pate Knife \$10.20, Tall Cocktail Vase \$39.95 - **Sorrento**  
Cocktail Serviettes from \$9.95 - **Red Pepper**



## Create a festive feel in the guest room

Coffe Mug \$9.95, C H R I S T M A S words \$49.95, Clock \$34.95 - **Bed Bath n Table**  
Pomegranate Soap \$19.95, Lumbar Cushion \$69.95 - **Sorrento**  
Bath Towel \$44.95 - **Sheridan**, Red Glass Candle \$11.95 - **Twig and Twine**  
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