

Fresh Tech Maid

Holiday E-Book



Day 2

Make Your Own “Pottery Barn” Look-Alike Garland



Here's a link to the blogger who provided the tutorial. She has great pictures of how this garland was used to decorate the front door to make a gorgeous entry way.

Click this link for a complete list of instructions:

[Look-Alike Garland](#)



Day 3

Snowman Cheese Ball



Hosting a Holiday party? Here's a cute idea to turn a boring cheese ball into something cute! Hope you're sharing with lots of people though! If not, just make a smaller size snowman. You can make it work, no matter the size of the party.

Click this link for complete instructions:

[Snowman Cheese Ball](#)



Day 4

The Twelve Days of Christmas



Here's a great idea for surprising your child's teacher at Christmas. Each day there is a cute saying with a fun and sometimes practical gift. There are all kinds of things they can use in the classroom that are inexpensive and easy to find. You and your child will have so much fun planning these little gifts and being sneaky dropping them off each day.

Click this link for complete instructions:

[Teacher's Gift](#)



Day 5

Create a Festive Window



This is a cheap and easy idea! Spray styrofoam balls with glue, roll in red glitter, attach an ornament hanger and attach ribbon. Wahlah!



Day 6

How to Take the Perfect Christmas Tree Picture



Wouldn't this make the most precious Christmas card?

Here's a link for tips on how to take a gorgeous picture of your tree:

[Tree Picture](#)



Day 7

The Christmas Bucket List



You get the idea...this is the time to spend time with those who are important to you. Here are some ideas that you can incorporate to make memories to last a lifetime.

Here's the link, in case you want to print and post it:

[Christmas Bucket List](#)



Day 8

30 Cookie and Candy Recipes



I don't know about you, but I rarely get around to baking. However, the Holiday season does tend to get me baking in the kitchen. I love to surprise friends and neighbors by bringing homemade treats. People seldom do that anymore, so it makes it that much more special.

Here's the link to 30 great cookie and candy recipes:

[30 Cookie Recipes](#)



Day 9

“JOY” Wall Decoration



Create this cute look!

- Buy letters from the craft store and spray paint them.
- Tack picture hangers on the back.
- Buy a jingle bell wreath to insert in the middle.

Easy to make and easy to hang (I've included the link to give credit where credit is due)

“JOY” Wall Decor



Day 10

Holiday Appetizer



This is so easy to prepare! All you need are:

- Cheese cubes (can cut yourself or buy precut). Pepper Jack, White Cheddar, Mild Cheddar and Colby/Jack are shown here.
- One slice of cheddar cheese for the stem (you can buy these precut, also)
- Grape tomatoes
- Fresh rosemary

Here's the link to give credit for the picture and the idea:

[Holiday Appetizer](#)



Day 11

Holiday Card Holder



- Easy card holder idea. This is what you need:

- 6 Ft. Long - Wide Holiday ribbon
- Clothes Pins
- Ribbon for a Bow (Glue to the top of the ribbon)
- Tie a bell to the end

Here's the link to the original pinner:

[Holiday Card Holder](#)



Day 12

Traditional Christmas Carols



○ Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-umphant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, O
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold Him,
sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all
Jo-sus, to Thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

REFRAIN.
born the King of an-gels!
glo-ry in the high-est! O come, let us a-dore Him, O
now in flesh ap-pear-ing!

come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The words of this spirited, popular air were written in 1841 by Canon Frederick Oakeley, an English clergyman.

Host a Christmas Carol Party! I have great memories of caroling with my friends when I was in college. I highly recommend it!

Here's a link to download and print the Christmas song sheets:

[Christmas Song Sheets](#)



Day 13

Party Dips



Whether it's a Christmas, New Year's or Super Bowl party, here are many different types of dips to satisfy all types of cravings!

Here's a link to view all of the dip recipes:

[Dip Recipes](#)



Day 14

How to Hang Multiple Stockings



Here's a way to hang several stockings at a time without putting a bunch of nails or clutter on your mantle. Here's what you need:

- Two "stand alone" type stocking hangers (pictured left)
- One curtain rod

"Thread" stocking on the curtain rod, place the curtain rod in the two hooks and you've got an instant stocking hanger.



Day 15

Grinch Punch



Snuggle up by the fire, read “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” and sip on some Grinch Punch. What could be better than that?

Here’s a link for the recipe:

[Grinch Punch](#)



Day 16

Table Centerpiece



Here's an easy and pretty centerpiece idea for your table. All the "ingredients" can be easily found at your local discount or craft store.

Here's a link for the blog:

[Table Centerpiece](#)



Day 17

Christmas Cookie Bars



Doesn't that look too good to eat? It is really impressive and not supposed to be that hard to make. This will certainly impress your guests.

Here's a link for the recipe:

[Christmas Cookie Bars](#)



Day 18

Stove Top Christmas Scent



One batch stays good for weeks, You just add water and heat it on low whenever you want to put the “Christmas Scent” in the air.

Here’s a link for the recipe:

[Christmas Scent](#)



Day 19

The Christmas Money Box



Here's a fun way to give money this Christmas.

All you need is an empty Kleenex box. Oh, and cash...Dollar bills. Tape the dollar bills together end to end with Scotch tape. Obviously the more dollar bills the greater the WOW. Stuff them in the Kleenex box with just one dollar sticking out of the box. It's fun to watch someone's eyes grow wider as they pull out the dollars that go on and on. Make a tag that says: Don't blow it all in one place. Merry Christmas!



Day 20

Homemade Christmas Gift Ideas



186 ideas for homemade Christmas gifts.

Here's the link to see all 186 ideas:

[Gift Ideas](#)



Day 21

Stocking Stuffer Ideas for Men



There's also a new and improved list of over 100 stocking stuffer ideas for men. On her blog, you'll also see a link for some stocking ideas for kids (actually Easter basket ideas, but could be used interchangeably)

Here's the link:

[Stocking Stuffers for Men](#)



Day 22

Christmas Morning Breakfast Recipes



Baked French Toast Casserole

[View the Recipe Here](#)



**Baked Cream Cheese
French Toast**

[View the Recipe Here](#)



Day 23

Rustic Table Centerpiece



Here's a more rustic table centerpiece. Some people don't like all the "bling" of Christmas. I'm one of those people. I live in a log home and I like to keep things as natural looking as possible (most of the time)

Here's the link on how to create this look:

[Rustic Centerpiece](#)



Day 24

Santa Tricks



Crepe paper the door for Christmas so they have to bust out when they wake up.

Here's the link on how to create this look:

[Crepe Paper Door](#)



How fun would it be to see Santa's footprints in the house? All it takes is a little baking soda and glitter.

Here's the link on how to create this look:

[Santa Footprints](#)



Day 25

Christmas Day Traditions



#1- Each child gets their own wrapping paper and in order to know which gifts are theirs, they have to find a tiny piece of their wrapping paper in the bottom of their stocking. It's a little last minute excitement, as they see the gifts, but don't know which belongs to who

#2- Christmas Eve presents- Christmas jammies {Wear} and a book {Read}

#3- Christmas day- Give each child only 3 gifts from you. A {Want}, a {Need} and a {Surprise}.

Here's the link for more info:

[Christmas Traditions](#)



Day 26

Smart After Christmas Shopping Ideas



Ten things to shop for after Christmas and save, save, save!

Click here for the list:

[After Christmas Shopping List](#)



Day 27

“A Minute to Win It” New Year’s Party



Hosting a New Year’s Eve Party? Here’s an idea for a family (and/or friends) “Minute to Win It” party!

Click here for more details:

[Party Idea](#)



Day 28

Ornament Storage Idea



Here's a great idea for storing ornaments. Hot glue cups to cardboard and place ornaments inside a large tub.

Click here for more details:

[Ornament Storage](#)



Day 29

Champagne with a Twist



Want to spice up your champagne toast? Whether it's champagne or another type of cocktail, this site has all kinds of drink recipes.

Click here for the recipes:

[Drink Recipes](#)



Day 30

New Year's Family Traditions



Here are some fun things to do with the kiddos on New Year's Day or anytime in January! From making pancakes to spell out the year to making family resolutions, there is surely an idea that will become a new tradition in your family.

Click below to read more:

[New Year's Traditions](#)



Day 31

New Year's Resolutions

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOU!

let's do this.....

one word: to be announced soon

WANT: WHAT I REALLY WANT IN 2012 IS
- To take Prostop classes and more cooking classes.
- to successfully transfer to a new school.

NEED: WHAT I REALLY NEED IN 2012 IS
- Sleep at least 8hrs consistently
- To get each room in my house
Really organized. - To stay on top of the laundry!

SHARE: WHAT I WILL SHARE IN 2012 IS
- Volunteer more in each of the kids classes.
- Create a monthly service project with the kids.
- Send more snail mail "just because."

SUCCEED: IN 2012 I WILL SUCCEED AT:
- Lose 15 more lbs.
- Complete another 1/2 marathon + train for a full.
- Set goals for 2012 and GRM

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Want to be more focused this year? Here are some ideas to help you soul search about what you want to accomplish this next year

Click here to download and print:

[New Year's Resolutions](#)

