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Dear Karen,

Welcome, and thank you for subscribing to our monthly newsletter! Christmas is just weeks away now, and it seems like this year has just flown by!

In this month's issue, we have some fun Christmas decorating ideas that won't break the bank, and another yummy recipe that would be great to bring to one of many holiday parties this year! Keep on reading below for some great ideas, and our next Facebook giveaway!

10 Inexpensive Christmas Decorating Tips

Christmas is coming and we are so excited! It is such a beautiful time of year, and seems to have a sort of magic in the air. We have some fun and inexpensive decorating ideas that will look beautiful in your home, so keep on reading, and let us know if you use any of these ideas, we would love to see them!

Sweet Treats

Purchase a clear jar or vase and try filling it with candy! Things like white peppermint balls, marshmallows, ribbon candy, multicolored chocolates and candy canes look beautiful and very festive!

Charming Chandeliers

Use Christmas bulbs, baubles and snowflakes overhead and not just on your tree! Try hanging them from your chandelier and finish it off with a ribbon for an overhead sparkle.

Modern Simplicity

Play up your home's style! Whether it's modern or traditional, use it to your advantage! White stockings would accentuate a beautiful white mantel with simple gold decorations, while a traditional home looks wonderful with red stockings and traditional red and green decorations.

Whimsical Windows

Those clear vases and jars can come in handy! Try it again by placing some unused Christmas bulbs in them, and place them in front of your window. It's a great reflection of your Christmas tree, and is a great way to use some of your unused Christmas decorations!

Feathery Wreaths

For a twist, try wrapping a Styrofoam wreath with a green feather boa, and

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hang a hot pink Christmas bulb from the center for a power couple of colour combinations! It's a unique twist on a Christmas wreath for your front door.

The Advent Calendar

Try swaying away from the traditional advent calendar with chocolate, and create your own! Be creative, we've seen things from a favorite family treat in numbered bags hung up, to a favorite mini bottle of liqueur or bottle of beer! The sky is the limit!

Santa's Board Games

Try thinking outside the board game box for this one. Instead of sticking to your traditional ornaments, try taking a Scrabble box, and write some Merry messages on your board and use it as a center piece. Guests may even get involved and add their own! For an even more fun trick, put it beside your milk and cookies after your kids have gone to bed. Clearly, Santa and his Reindeer had a little Scrabble match after they dropped off the presents!

Cranberry Tea Lights

On a decorative dish, try filling it with some cranberry's and place some tea lights in the middle, making the perfect and simple centerpiece.

Let It Snow Create some unbelievably simple snowball garland with just some 1" Styrofoam balls, and some thread (clear is preferable). You can make the garland how short or long you need it, but just be sure to double to thread. Just use a needle to poke through the Styrofoam balls, and space them about 6" apart. You now have some beautiful snowball garland just like that!

Sparkling Wine For a super simple decor idea, try filling a wine bottle with some LED battery powered Christmas lights! Make sure you periodically check the bottle and make sure the temperature doesn't get too hot. This is why it's a good idea to use LED lights. This would look great in the window or in your kitchen.

Salami Chips

For a unique and very easy recipe you can bring to all of your Christmas parties, try making some salami chips! The only ingredient you need... is salami! (This is one of Rick's favorite recipes)

Ingredients

- 30 slices of your favorite salami, peppered and regular both work great

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper and arrange salami in single layer.
3. Bake for 12 minutes, until the salami is crispy and chip-like. Make sure you check after 10 minutes just to make sure they aren't burning! Depending on the thickness of you salami slices, they may cook slower or faster, so keep an eye on them the first time you make this recipe
4. Carefully transfer to paper towel and blot to remove any excess fat. Let cool.
5. Enjoy! Make it your own! Try it drizzled with olive oil, with cheese, dipping sauces or on a sandwich or burger!



Facebook Giveaway!

This month, we will be having another Facebook gift basket giveaway for Christmas! This gift basket is full of some very yummy Christmas goodies to share with your family and friends. Please make sure to like us on Facebook to stay up to date on everything happening at Integri Kitchens, and for your chance to win this yummy gift basket full of treats! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/integri.kitchens> and click that "Like" button to be entered!



Merry Christmas from Integri Kitchens!



We thought it would be really nice to share some Christmas traditions from each member here at Integri, and share in some Christmas joy! Read below to see what we do every year with our family and friends. We'd love to hear what you do!

Karen

"I grew up on a farm in southern Ontario. We would spend every Christmas with my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who all lived about 120 miles away. So every Christmas day, we'd get up and get the cows fed and the chores done, then would head out on the road to go spend the day with them. We would get to either my grandparents or aunts and uncles homes and immediately sit down for Christmas dinner together, my cousins and I at the kids' table and the adults at the big table. After dinner, it was pandemonium as we all exchanged gifts. It was always great spending Christmas Day with my cousins. It was hard to leave in the afternoon, but we had to get back home to get the evening chores done. "

Rick

"I caught my parents wrapping my gifts when I was 5 (although they thought I was asleep.) From then on, I knew there was no Santa. The following year and every year thereafter, we opened gifts on Christmas Eve. First though, we had to eat dinner. A traditional Ukrainian dish we served was boiled wheat, marinated in honey and poppy seed. I didn't like it but until I finished the wheat and the dinner...no gifts... "

Sherry

"I enjoy spending lots of time with my family and friends, and we usually have more than enough food at Christmas, so we invite over people who may not have anyone to celebrate the holidays with. We have Cabbage rolls, macaroni salad, tourtiere pie and much more! And when we open presents, we always make sure that everyone has something to open at the same time, one by one."

Brittney

"Every year, my younger sister and I would fight over who would get to put the angel on top of the tree. It may still be a fight to this day.... But now we try and pass it over to a guest, or to one of my nieces or nephew. Other than that, we usually try and convince my mom to open a Christmas present on Christmas eve, and have hot chocolate from our Santa mugs and homemade cookies. I also have three big beautiful dinners with our families. One with my side of the family, and two with my fiancé's family. To me, Christmas is about being with the ones you love."

So have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season from everyone here at Integri Kitchens, and all the best in the New Year!

That's all for this edition of the newsletter! Please stay tuned for the next one!

Sincerely,

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