

## Ladies Have You Heard?

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### GIFTS FROM YOUR KITCHEN

Cook up some Christmas gifts this year. They are perfect for family gifts or for friends who have everything.

For a lasting gift, pack homemade goodies of your favorite recipes in an attractive container that can be used long after the food is gone.

Be sure to add a copy of the recipe on a Christmas greeting or enclosure.

Here are a few kitchen gift suggestions. Make a Christmas fruit bread and decorate it with candied cherries and chopped nuts. Pack the bread in a pan lined with a non-stick finish or on a small bread board.

Bake a variety of your favorite Christmas cookies. Place them in a cookie jar or arrange them attractively on a cookie sheet for a two-in-one gift.

Remember neighbors and friends with a delicious cake for the holidays. Pack the cake in a gaily decorated plastic cake carrier. Or if it is a square or oblong cake, select an aluminum

pan with a sliding cover that will protect the cake.

For a family gift, fill a decorative tray or basket with an assortment of holiday treats. These could include jams or jellies, pickles or relishes, candy, cookies, a coffee ring, fruit bread. Let your own imagination guide you.

If you are planning to mail gift cookies to friends or relatives, make sure the contents arrive in the form of cookies and not crumbs. Select cookies that are good travelers and keepers. These include moist bars and squares, and soft drop cookies such as mincemeat, applesauce-nut and oatmeal-fruit to mention a few.

Why not let your own kitchen be the place where you create unique personal gifts this Christmas?

### LAUNDRY NATURAL FABRICS

Get your old ironing board out of storage because ironing is back in style. Ironing is in because cotton, lne, and silk are in.

Durable press finishes, tumble drying and steam irons all help, but proper laundering can make the difference between a tedious or

a simple ironing job.

Wash and dry clothing according to the garments' care label. Use the correct water temperature and wash cycle. The "permanent press" cycle will help prevent wrinkles by cooling the wash water and using a low spin speed.

Use your automatic dryer correctly, too. Dry lightweight and heavy items separately. Set the dryer for the correct temperature and time, then don't overload it.

When the cycle is completed, remove items from the dryer promptly. Smooth the seams, collars, cuffs, hems and zippers as you hang your clothes. Light wrinkles will usually hang out or require only a touch-up.

Remove denim, corduroy, knits and quilted items while they are still slightly damp. They can then be smoothed and hung to finish drying.

If you line-dry your clothes, consider letting garments drip dry. Avoid the final spin cycle so

## Toy space is vital

LANCASTER — Kids need space to play with their friends, build a roadway for car races, set up a train or build with blocks. They also need space to store playthings when they aren't being used.

A child who has organized indoor play area, with furnishings and materials stored near tree floor space, tends to be attracted to it for play.

Play space can usually be found in an attic, basement or a corner of a den, dining room or living room. Younger children prefer to play near their parents or where family activities are centered. Even though it may be limited, provide some space for toy storage. Open shelf units to store toys seem to be more appealing to a child than a large wooden chest. The number of shelves can increase as the age and interests of the child change.

Before you buy Christmas toys or add to toys at other times of the year, give some thought to where you'll store these new possessions. Riding toys or wagons might be better to buy when children can use them outdoors.

wrinkles are not set into the clothes and they will dry smoother. When you hang the clothes, smooth out wrinkled areas as you would when using the dryer. The weight of the water dripping out will also help smooth the wrinkles.

When using the dryer, remove clothes that require ironing when they are still slightly damp. Store them in a plastic bag until ironing time.

If garments are line-dried, they may need to be dampened before ironing. A steam iron and a well-padded ironing board will make ironing easier.

## Stonehedge home

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greenery and articles from the outdoors such as pine cones and nuts. A collection of handmade decorative articles will be incorporated into the natural greenery as well. The livingroom fireplace, one of two working fireplaces, will hold on its mantel a number of crackle tile items Trudy made from figures taken from giftwrap a number of years ago. They include a drummer boy, a tot hanging her stocking and other little ones preparing for Christmas. Above the mantel is displayed a large pinecone wreath.

On a small table against the wall in the adjoining diningroom is a display including a fox hunter figurine and an antique copper hunting horn amid a nest of fresh cut pine greens.

On the second floor are three bedrooms to be opened during the tour. The master suite once consisted of two bedrooms each with its own fireplace and a door joining the two rooms. The room to the south is daughter Patti Jo's. Her room contains a high-posted single bed, patchwork quilt, painting over the mantel and finished, random-width wood floor.

While staying with her parents.

Kathleen has furnished the northwest bedroom with blue-gray wood trim, white painted walls, quilted bed covers, table cover and a dramatic display of dark-blue and white china, a wedding present given to her parents. Kathleen also sewed curtains for the two west windows in that bedroom to match the blue and white decor.

The one-time servants' quarter, now Herb and Trudy's bedroom, is decorated in a rose and blue theme with off-white walls making a background to set off the blue woodwork, rose and blue patch quilt and drapes repeating the print in the quilt.

The future plans for the restoration include refinishing another bedroom floor and uncovering the downstairs floors.

The Marshs call their home Stonehedge after the fact that a vein of stone continuing from a large quarry to the south of them runs through their property and a hedge once bordered the lane. Eight years ago the Marshs probably would not have believed they would be opening their home to a tour. They moved to make a home for the family, not to make a showplace.

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