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Fresh square wreath, \$107;
The Magnolia Company
(themagnoliacompany.com).
Glitter ribbon from May Arts
(mayarts.com), trade.

WE ASKED. THEY ANSWERED. **SEE HOW DESIGNERS DO CHRISTMAS**

A holiday open house concludes a parade of seasonal tasks that includes hanging lights, wrapping gifts, and tending to temperature-sensitive peanut brittle. This summons to mix and mingle led 23 of our favorite designers to invite us into their homes and their Christmas rituals. (Actually, we invited ourselves.) We asked them everything from how they decorate and entertain to what they give and what they leave for Santa and his reindeer. That last part was ►

What do you give someone who has everything?

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Grant Gibson infuses olive oils with herbs, makes candied orange peel and toffee, and loves to discover intriguing epicurean goodies.

Natural salt blocks, \$24-\$60; Himala Salt (himalasalt.com). Pomegranate Balsamic vinegar, \$11; Olivier Napa Valley (866/497-8456); Zinfandel vinegar, \$12, and lime olive oil, \$18; O Olive Oil (ooliveoil.com).



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Mann and Kendall Wilkinson. Christopher Boshears dresses his bust of Daniel Webster with a greenery garland and clips cards to that, while Kemble secures cards to the inside of her cabinets. "I see the

special people in my life every time I grab a spice," she says.

And although the holiday encourages the spirit of giving (and the generosity of these designers to help those in need is extensive >

FAMILY SECRETS

Surprise friends with the recipe only your mom knows how to make. For **Kenneth Brown**, it's an easy tea-and-spice mix his mom has concocted for years. You'll need 1 cup each of the following: Lipton instant tea with sugar and lemon, Lipton plain instant tea, sugar, and orange Tang; and 1 teaspoon each ground cloves and cinnamon. Mix ingredients. Stir 2-3 teaspoons of mix into 1 cup of hot water. **Tobi Fairley** gives functional, monogrammed pieces such as an acrylic recipe box perfect for sharing recipes.

Monogrammed recipe cards and box, \$80; Dabney Lee at Home (dabneyleeathome.com).

Designers tap into their inner artist to craft gifts from the heart. Each year, **Eileen Boyd** paints beautiful watercolors, while **Erin Pitts** sews burlap stockings for every client. The easy-to-make decoration is a natural twist to traditional, embellished versions.

1. Make a pattern out of cardboard. Trace pattern with white chalk onto burlap, then cut two pieces with pinking shears.
2. Stack pieces, then sew together with white thread in a zigzag stitch. Hand-finish edges with whipstitch in contrasting, thicker white or red thread.
3. Paint wood letter (available at craft stores), and attach to top corner of stocking with ribbon.

What was your favorite childhood gift?

Designer gift ideas: Hot chocolate, \$25, and tea, \$10; MarieBelle New York (mariebelle.com). Body cream, \$75, and body wash, \$50; Jo Malone (jomalone.com). Candle, \$76; Vie Luxe (candleluxury.com). Brown sugar body cream, \$35; Fresh (fresh.com). Coffee table books; Assouline (assouline.com) and Taschen (taschen.com).



Designers' Christmas nostalgia revealed stylemakers in the works from an early age. Our designing women all found wonderment in the chic sensibilities of Barbie. **Alexa Hampton, Tobi Fairley,** and **Kara Mann** also reveled in furnishings for their dollhouses. **David Stark's** imagination ignited with a box of scrap ribbon, fabric, and paper. "This was a glorious puppet-making kit—better than the hot toys that crazed the nation."

For Barbie wannabes: Giuseppe Zanotti's platform heels with red and black rhinestones, \$979; Zappos Couture (couture.zappos.com).

