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# Moments

CHRISTMAS





## Preface

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we're so excited to share with you our Moments magazine specially dedicated to the festive season. As that magical feeling sweeps the nation along with cold wintery blusters and perhaps the patter of snow, we've enveloped that feeling in the photography and words of our ninth edition of moments. From learning how to make your own handwarmers or

Christmas stollen to a poem dedicated to the last mince pie, we've bound together some real festive page-turners. With a dash of fitted furniture décor and decluttering inspiration, we're excited to present to you at this festive time, our Moments edition for Christmas.

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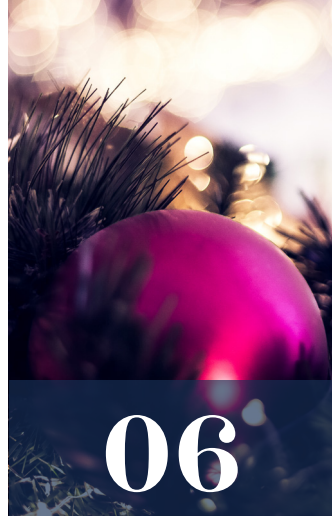


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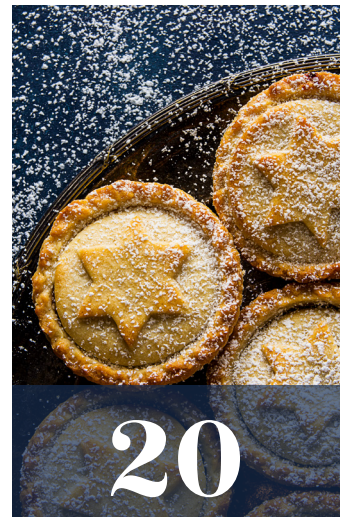
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# Make your own Christmas handwarmers

THESE SIMPLE CREATIONS MAKE  
A LOVELY HOMEMADE GIFT.



So easy to make, just pop them in the microwave and tuck them in your coat pocket or mittens on a frosty day to keep your fingers warm. Add to this with an optional touch, a couple of drops of essential oils into the rice to keep your handwarmers smelling lovely.

## Materials:

- A bowl of white rice
- A pencil
- Paper
- Festive Fabric – 100% cotton or felt
- Scissors
- Needle and thread
- Pins



**Tip** -Try some different shapes and sizes. Microwave between 15 to 30 seconds depending on size.





**01** Create your template using a piece of paper and a pencil, drawing the shape and size that you would like your handwarmer to be and cut this out.



**02** Pin this template to your festive fabric and cut around. Do this twice to leave you with two identical sized and shaped pieces of fabric.



**03** Pin these pieces of fabric together so that the desired pattern you wish to be on the outside is facing each other.



**04** Stitch together the pieces of fabric around the edges, leaving a gap big enough to fill the inside on one edge. The stitching should also leave  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm seam allowance.



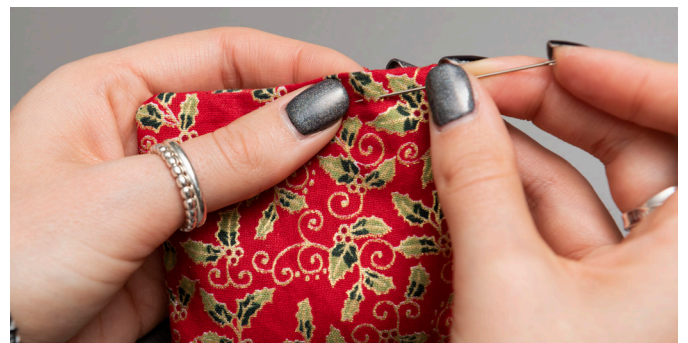
**05** Invert the pocket inside out. You may need to use the pencil to poke out the corners.



**06** You will be left with a pocket with a gap along one edge.



**07** Make a cone out of a piece of paper to act as a funnel for your rice and fill the pocket  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Ensure the rice is white as brown rice can have an unpleasant smell.



**08** Stitch along the seam to close the pocket. If you'd like to present as a gift, why not repeat the process and tie the handwarmers together with some ribbon.







# Keep calm and enjoy Christmas

JULES LANGFORD, PROFESSIONAL ORGANISER SHARES THE FESTIVE MYTHS YOU CAN DECLUTTER TODAY.

I don't mean the origins of the Christmas tree or whether Santa really exists.

I mean the myths of the idealised family Christmas, perpetuated by films, adverts and, these days, social media.

Deep-down you know they are about as real as your best friend's fibre-optic tree but they can still make you feel your festivities have been found wanting.

So, let's make merry and declutter some festive myths today.

**Christmas Myth:** *People Behave Differently At Christmas*

**Festive Reality:** *And for "differently" read "better".*

Experience tells you that seasonal stress, enforced family togetherness and plentiful alcohol are not going to change your Addams Family into the Brady Bunch.

Siblings will squabble, relatives row over the telly,

and your "no politics over lunch" rule will go unheeded. In short, the family you've had all year will be the same ones around the table on the 25th.

But be honest. They may not be the perfect family, but they are your family. Would you really want to share Christmas with anyone else?

**Christmas Myth:** *Only Sad Scrooges Don't Enjoy Christmas*

**Festive Reality:** *Not everyone enjoys wearing silly sweaters, buying Secret Santas, or singing along to "Santa Baby" for weeks at a stretch.*

You're exhausted, your bank balance is busted, and you're sure you have a cold starting.

Admitting this can make you feel like a festive pariah, but you're not really a grumpy grinch who wants to spoil everyone's fun.

Like many people, you simply dislike the commercialism and competitive sport that is the

modern-day Christmas.

So raise a glass and count the days down to New Year. You're in good company.

**Christmas Myth:** *The Only Good Christmas Is A Perfect one.*

**Festive Reality:** *The fantasy of the picture-perfect Christmas where everyone loves their presents, mince-pies are home-made, and the cat is never sick behind the sofa has a lot to answer for.*

In the real-world trees topple over, no-one remembers to buy batteries and children wake up on Christmas morning with chicken pox.

Don't feel like a Festive Failure. Ditch the fantasy, go with the flow, and enjoy your fabulously messy and tiring Christmas just as it is.

In six months' time, all anyone will remember will be the good bits.

Merry Christmas, everybody!



# The Willoughby range in Sand

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Inspired from the traditional look of the shaker style, the Willoughby is our modern classic real wood veneer range. Here, in Sand, the lighter tone creates a cooler, calming palette which has been styled alongside neutral whites and greys to give a modern aesthetic. In keeping with the distinctive rectangular angled shapes of the furniture, a chunky inset handle in Nickle matches the holistic tones of the room. Matching upholstered headboard and stool in exclusive Hammonds Highlander Ash fabric carries the grey tone through the room. More layers of texture come from the sheen fabric throw, rug and roman blinds. Statement pieces such as oversized bedside lamps and overhead crystal chandelier match the decadence oozed from the tall headboard and distinctive floor to ceiling fitted furniture.

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# A Festive Kitchen

LET THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE HOME WITH SOME DECORATION IDEAS FOR THE KITCHEN.



Something for the worktop or perhaps some kitchen diner table centrepieces, by keeping the kitchen involved in the Christmas decorating, ensure the festive cheer is being held harmoniously throughout the home. With just a few simple decorations, help keep that jolly feeling going alongside cooking the turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the

family of fourteen. This subtle Christmas centrepiece was styled within a Croft kitchen painted in Slate Grey and Pebble Grey. Silver polar bears and faux snow and twig effect drops entwined with fairy lights create this simple but effective Christmassy centrepiece.





Add some height where you can and don't forget the assortment of nuts; the shells being cracked open is a familiar sound heard at Christmas time for sure.



# The Christmas Eve Dinner

WHY YOU MIGHT CONSIDER HAVING THE TRADITIONAL ROAST ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



**D**id you know that in Scandinavian countries, the Christmas feast is traditionally enjoyed on Christmas Eve? It's a custom that seems some of us in Britain have taken up, which might perplex you at first but

if you look closer, you may discover it has its benefits. As the family head chef, have you ever felt a bit cooped up in the kitchen during Christmas day? Or missed that special moment when your little one opened a present they absolutely loved

while you were par-boiling the potatoes and chopping veg? Christmas day is filled with so many special moments and is a day for spending as much time with family as possible. With so much choice now in the shops from smoked salmon





canapes, sticky barbeque cocktail sausages and even mini beef wellington bites all with very little prep time, why not have a Christmas buffet during your day? It will mean spending less time in the kitchen cooking on the big day

that could be enjoyed playing Christmas games or catching up with your nieces, nephews or great aunt who you haven't seen for years. What's more, it will allow any guests to grab a bit here and there, especially if you happen to

have family coming and going all day. Perhaps it's something you may consider this year or next? Or perhaps for you Christmas day itself just wouldn't be the same without the Christmas roast and that familiar bang of crackers.



# Christmas Stollen

A TRADITIONAL BAKE WITH ALMONDS AND DELICIOUS MARZIPAN.

Where there's Christmas, there's Stollen. Beautifully fruity and an all-time classic. This wonderful creation is weaved with marzipan to give that extra sweet and nutty flavour. Bake over the weekend with lots of time to prove the dough and get the kids involved squidding the fruit into the mixture.

## Ingredients

- 100g mixed dried fruit with peel
- 180ml apple juice
- 7g dried yeast
- 250g plain flour, plus a little extra for dusting
- 30g blanched whole almonds
- generous pinch of ground cinnamon
- generous pinch of ground aniseed
- small pinch of ground cloves
- 75g cold marzipan,
- 10g butter, melted
- 1 tbsp icing sugar

## Method

1. Soak the dried fruit in 100ml of hot water. Gently warm the apple juice for a few mins in a pan, then add the yeast and leave to activate for 10-15 mins (it will start to bubble).
2. Put the flour in a bowl. Stir in the yeast and apple juice mixture to form a smooth dough, then cover and leave to prove somewhere warm until roughly doubled in size, about 1-2 hrs. You can also put the dough in the fridge to rise slowly overnight.
3. Drain the fruit and add to the dough along with the nuts, spices and marzipan. Squish everything together, then turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead until the fruit stays in the dough.
4. Shape the dough into a sausage shape and put it on a baking tray lined with baking parchment. Cover with a clean tea towel and leave to prove somewhere warm for 30 mins to 1 hr until it has risen by about a quarter.
5. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Bake the stollen for 20 mins, then reduce oven to 150C/130C fan/gas 2 and bake for 25-30 mins more until golden brown and firm to the touch.
6. Remove the stollen from the oven and brush all over with the melted butter. Dust with the icing sugar and leave to cool completely before slicing. Store any remaining stollen, well wrapped, in an airtight container.

Recipe source: [bbcgoodfood.com](http://bbcgoodfood.com)





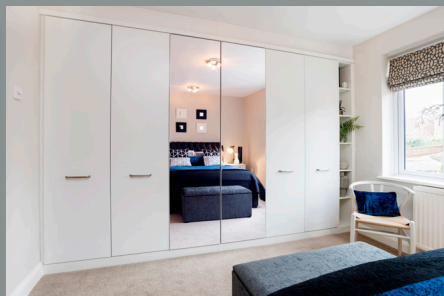


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# The Book Club

ENVELOP INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT  
WITH SOME SEASONAL DELIGHTS.

What better time than when during the dark long evenings with the ice and cold outside can you snuggle with a hot drink and a blanket, discovering stories perfect for the season. Take a look at some of our recommended reads for this winter, from fiction to non-fiction, we're sure one will captivate you between the pages.

For more inspiring reads and to leave your review, please visit our Book Club on our blog at [www.hammonds-uk.com/blog](http://www.hammonds-uk.com/blog).

## **Midwinter** – *Fiona Melros*

Landyn and Vale Midwinter are Father and Son farmers in the county of Suffolk, working and living on the land held in their family for generations. With the onset of mauling winter, the unspoken past they refuse to confront, the death of mother and wife Cecelia, begins to reappear. *Midwinter* is a novel about guilt, blame, lost opportunities and love. Melrose's talented storytelling detailing the men's internal tumult with lush descriptions of their natural surroundings is mesmerising. Snuggle up in front of the fire or in a cosy corner while the snow falls outside with this emotional yet captivating book.

## **Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery** – *Jenny Colgan*

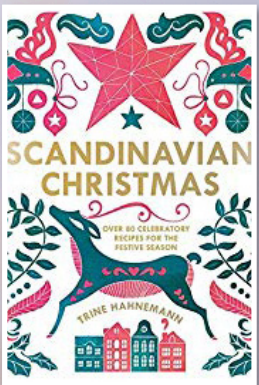
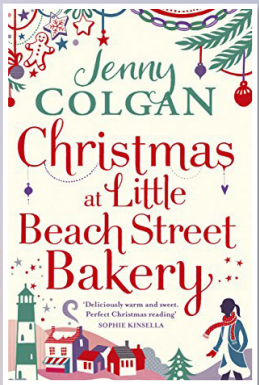
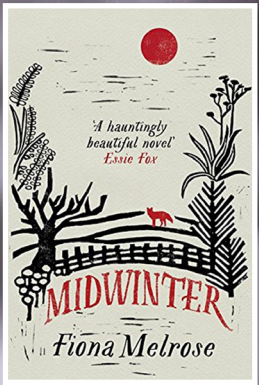
It's Christmas in the Cornish village of Mount Polbearne – a time for family, friends and feasting. Within the Little Beach Street Bakery, Polly Waterford creates delicious treats for the village residents. Content in life with her gorgeous boyfriend, Huckle, she is determined that this Christmas will be the best yet. But when Polly's best friend Kerensa turns up with a secret, the future begins to look uncertain. Retreat into a snuggly Christmas in the picturesque Cornish countryside with Colgan's wonderful description of delicious treats and full of life characters. A real seasonal delight.

## **Scandinavian Christmas** – *Trine Hahnemann*

Explore Christmas from a different perspective this year. From the world of *hygge* (the Danish word for cosiness) and *lagom* (the Swedish word for just the right amount) get lost in the culture and traditions of a Scandinavian Christmas. This book includes heart-warming baking and cooking alongside creating culinary gifts for the season paired with explanations of their importance in a Scandinavian Christmas. This glorious book, illustrated with sensational photography, provides an abundance of 70 Christmas recipes, showing us how we too can decorate our homes and create mouth-watering dishes to celebrate Christmas in the Scandinavian way.



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In my case, I identified the personal characteristics that corroborated the evidence with my peers to create a more cohesive visual front, but an important part – belief. Niggling insecurity left a lingering whiff of self-doubt left a maximum impact – I just had to trust me, this took a while to draw on your signature style to manifest a similar reality for Remember? Fresh, colorful Repeat your signature style conscious. Then start with the phrase



# The Last Mince Pie

Freshly made by caring hands,  
Twelves mince pies stood proud,  
Lightly dusted with icing sugar,  
Ready for the festive crowd.

Bite by bite they were devoured,  
As the big day passed by,  
But now just one is left on the plate,  
The last lonely pie.

“Why have I been singled out?”  
I could hear it say,  
“I am just as nice as the others,  
Oh when will it be my day?”

“Not to worry, little mince pie”  
I responded to its plea,  
“In fact, you’re making my mouth water,  
And my stomach quite hungry.”

Licking my lips, the last mince pie  
was gobbled with a cheer.  
But what will cure my craving now?  
Perhaps a fresh batch for the New Year.









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From all of us at Hammonds we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We hope 2019 is filled with wonderful things for you and your family. We will be celebrating some new beginnings ourselves

alongside exciting sale discounts. At a time of fresh starts, it'll be the best time of the year to take a look at your storage and be inspired by our collections for your home.

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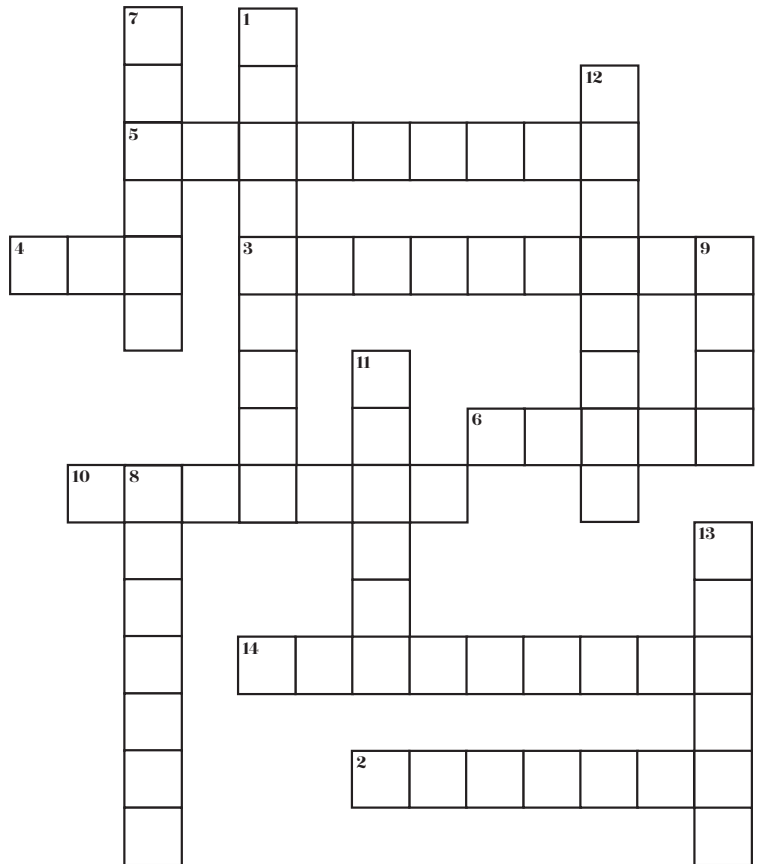
## Christmas Crossword

### CLUES DOWN

- 1 Rockin' around the... tree (9)
- 7 Used to decorate the tree (6)
- 9 Followed by the 3 Wise Men (4)
- 11 The coldest season (6)
- 12 Pulls Santa's sleigh (8)
- 13 Popular Christmas meat (6)

### CLUES ACROSS

- 2 Famous Dickens character (6)
- 3 Traditionally hung on fireplace (9)
- 4 Night before Christmas (3)
- 5 Where every direction is south (9)
- 6 A festive feeling people have (5)
- 10 Given or received (7)
- 14 Joseph's trade (9)



ANSWERS DOWN - 1 Christmas, 7 Tinsel, 9 Star, 11 Winter, 12 Reindeer, 13 Turkey  
ANSWERS ACROSS - 2 Scrooge, 3 Stockings, 4 Eve, 5 Northpole, 6 Cheer, 10 Present, 14 Carpenter



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**Croydon** - within NEXT

**Dudley** - within Cousins Furniture Store

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**Edmonton** - within NEXT

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**Failsworth** - within Housing Units

**Fakenham** - within Aldiss

**Farnborough** - within Furniture Village

## **Friern Barnet**

**Gateshead** - within Furniture Village

## **Gibraltar**

**Gillingham** - within Furniture Village

**Glasgow** - within Forest Furnishing

**Glasgow** - within NEXT

**Grantham** - within Downtown Superstore

## **Guernsey**

**Guildford** - within Furniture Village

**Hedge End** (Southampton)

**Hedge End** (Southampton) - within Next

**Hereford** - within Annetts

**High Legh** - within High Legh Garden Centre

**High Wycombe** - within Furniture Village

## **Hinckley**

**Hull** - within NEXT

**Ipswich** - within Glasswells World of Furniture

**Ipswich** - within NEXT

**Isle of Man** - within A J Millichaps

## **Jersey**

**Kingston** - within Bentalls Department Store

## **Leamington Spa**

**Leeds** - within Christopher Pratts

**Leeds Birstall** - within Furniture Village

**Leicester** - within Next Home

**Llantrisant** - within Leekes Department Store

**Macclesfield** - within Arighi Bianchi

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**Maidstone** - within NEXT

**Manchester** - within Furniture Village

**Melksham** - within Leekes Department Store

**New Malden** - within Furniture Village

**Newcastle** - within Fenwick Department Store

**Norwich** - Aldiss

**Norwich** - within NEXT

## **Nottingham**

## **Nuneaton**

## **Peterborough**

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