

# Celebrate the Holidays

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This highlight mini catalog features the most popular holiday DIYs from my blog including decorating projects, easy handmade gifts, and delicious recipes that you can make for all of your family and friends this season.

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# Holiday Decorating

*Everyone loves to decorate their homes for the holidays. I particularly like using natural elements when possible. It's no surprise that two of the three listed here are not only my most popular holiday decor posts but they are made with natural materials.*



## [Dried Orange Garland](#)

This dried orange garland is easy to create and can be used for the fall, Christmas and throughout the winter. Hang it on the mantel or trim the tree. It smells great while you are making it and the scent lasts for a while too.





## [Chunky Yarn Wreath](#)

In this easy DIY, I show you how to use your fingers to knit this beautiful chunky yarn wreath that looks great during Christmas but I think it's another great one that you can leave up all winter long.



## [Dried Fruit Ornaments](#)

Similar to the dried fruit garland this easy ornament uses more dried fruit, cinnamon sticks, and decorative raffia to create ornaments that you can hang or tie onto gifts.

# Handmade Gifts

*One of my most favorite holiday activities is making handmade gifts. These are all easy to create and you can make quite a few without having to break the bank.*



## [Mason Jar Oil Candle](#)

This beautiful natural mason jar oil candle is probably my most popular project of all time. I used essential oil in it for fragrance but the scent doesn't carry like a commercially scented oil or candle. Still, they look so pretty on their own, fragrant or not.





## [DIY Fire Starters](#)

Here's another use for natural elements that's easy and inexpensive to make. They are little firestarters for all of your fire-loving friends. Great for wood-burning fireplaces or fun outdoor firepits.



## [Alcohol Ink Jewelry Dishes](#)

I fell in love with alcohol inks while making these beautiful trinket jewelry dishes. They are easy to work with and if you mess up you can quickly remove the ink and try again. This is the most popular but there are several other alcohol ink projects to try as well.

# Holiday Recipes

*It wouldn't be the holidays without a few great recipes. Of course, my most popular are cookie recipes and one is a cake. If you have a sweet tooth like me you will want to try them all.*



## [Cranberry Shortbread Cookies](#)

This traditional shortbread recipe uses fresh cranberries instead of dried ones. Don't worry you won't miss the extra sugar. In fact, they are so much better. Sweet and tart and perfect for a cookie exchange.





## [Thumbprint Cookie with Buttercream Frosting](#)

This is my mother's thumbprint cookie recipe with real buttercream frosting. They do take some time to roll and frost but they are ones my daughter, in her twenties, still asks for.



## [Chocolate Charlotte Cake](#)

Last but certainly not least is this somewhat fancy chocolate Charlotte cake recipe. Another hand me down from mom and one she only made for special occasions.

*I hope you have enjoyed this Celebrating the Holidays lookbook. I'll be stopping by every once in a while with new ideas and a weekly newsletter filled with tons of fun DIY inspiration. In the meantime feel free to visit [Hearth and Vine](#) anytime or shoot me an email.*

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