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## 986 BRILLIANT IDEAS FOR A GORGEOUS HOME

**EXCLUSIVE  
MARTHA  
STEWART**

Have an organised  
*and* magical  
celebration

**Wonderful  
READER HOMES**  
full of seasonal joy

**Spectacular  
TABLE SETTINGS**  
Crockery, cutlery,  
crackers, decorations

**RACHEL KHOO**

Scrumptious  
festive feast

**MARY BERRY**

Classic Christmas cake

**HESTON**

**BLUMENTHAL**

shares his  
inspiring ideas

**GEORGE CLARKE**

makes the most of  
every space

# Stunning Christmas looks

Ruby reds, vintage whites,  
burnished golds





## Quick and easy options

**Time-saving appliances are invaluable at Christmas, says Johnathan Marsh, Head of Buying at John Lewis**

\* A cooker with two ovens is a real asset. Multifunction models with heating elements at the top and bottom, plus a fan and grill offer flexibility when catering for large numbers.

\* If you're entertaining a crowd, consider investing in a wine cabinet. Most have separate areas for storing red and white, but if space is tight, choose a single temperature, slimline model.

\* The latest multi cookers combine a slow cooker, rice cooker and steamer in one. They can roast meat as well as make stew, curry and even porridge.

\* If you're a keen baker, a stand mixer makes mixing large batches of Christmas cookies easy. Look for a splatter guard lid that fits over the bowl and a flexible beater with a silicone edge.

\* Food processors make light work of chopping, whisking and even making pastry for freezing to help you get ahead.

# KITCHEN NOTEBOOK

Best new trends, expert advice and innovations for the heart of the home

Keep the kitchen running smoothly with plenty of storage and space for appliances. Vermont kitchen painted in Ivory, from £10,000, John Lewis



### GOOD IDEA

#### Weigh it up

A digital scale takes the guesswork out of baking and this energy-saving, solar-powered model can be recharged in artificial light. It has an add-and-weigh function, a 5kg capacity and an easy-clean glass surface, and converts between weight and volume with one touch. J415 Solar scale, £24.95, Judge

## 3 OF A KIND

Slice the Christmas turkey like a pro on a stylish and well designed board



▲ This combined carving board and serving platter is made from beech wood and porcelain. The base is oven proof and has space around the edge for vegetables. **Universal Expert by Sebastian Conran serving platter** (H3.5cm x W32.5cm x L45cm), £60; **Carving knife and fork set**, £45; both John Lewis

► Perfect for a traditional kitchen, this chunky beech wood and chrome effect board is shaped like the lid of an Aga. The removable meat spike holds the joint firmly in place while meat juices run along the groove into the well. **Aga carving board** (L43.5cm x W36.5cm), £65.99, Aga Cookshop



◀ The angle of this polypropylene board means juices drain away to be easily poured into the gravy. It comes in six colours and has a smooth reverse for prepping vegetables, non-slip feet, and soft grip edges. **Small Cut and Carve Plus** (H2cm x W22.5cm x L29cm), £13.50, Joseph Joseph



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