



HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

WHAT TO BUY FOR HEARTH & HOME



▲ **Extra chair**—Appropriate for most rooms in the house and handy for extra seating when company comes, this **Calais chair** comes in several wood finishes and upholstery choices that range up to leather. Antique bronze-finished nail heads outline the edges. Depending on fabric, \$198.99 up to \$499. Available at Pottery Barn, Westfield Franklin Park mall.



▲ **Cuisine-worthy tree** — Decorate this **rosemary tree** for Christmas, then keep it in a sunny window and snip off sprigs for cooking later. \$16.99 at Fresh Market, Westgate Village Shopping Center.

When you're not sure of someone's size, a gift for the home is a great alternative. One of these might make a wonderful surprise for your spouse, friends and family. And don't you want to sneak in some me-gifting too? You have our permission.

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▲ **Teddy bear** — Every home needs a **teddy bear** that is stalwart and trustworthy. Forget the kids; we're talking grown-ups. Dressed in a Nutcracker toy soldier-inspired outfit, this Gund bear comes with a Godiva milk chocolate bar. After the chocolate is gone and the bear is named, he can remain in a place of honor on a couch, chair, or bookshelf. \$28 at the Godiva Boutique, Westfield Franklin Park mall.



▲ **Haute cookie cutters** — No need to trek to a mall outside Detroit for glitzy items. Neiman Marcus now has selected items for sale at **Target**, including these **cookie cutters in the shape of a shoe, neckties, hat, and sunglasses**, along with several stylish cookie dough stamps. \$29.99.



Toledo Museum of Art

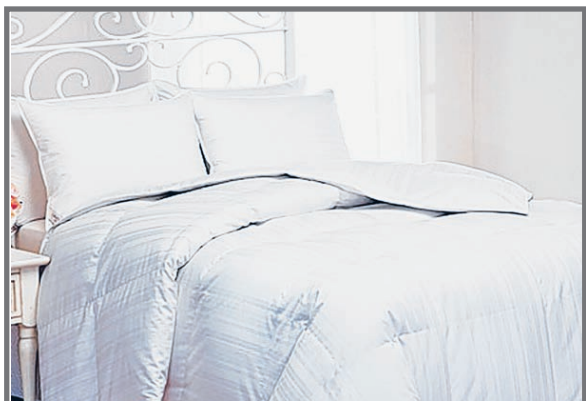
▲ **Madonna and Child with Roses** — Class up your home decor with an original piece of art. **Toledo artist Leslie Adams' hand-pulled, intaglio print** will fit into any decor. Limited edition of 50, measures 12 by 9 inches. Available for \$700 unframed at the Toledo Museum of Art Gift Shop.



▲ **Fireplace update** — A chunk of amber-colored glass dresses up this **Mission fireplace screen** at The Andersons. \$64.99. A matching fireplace tool set costs \$42.99.



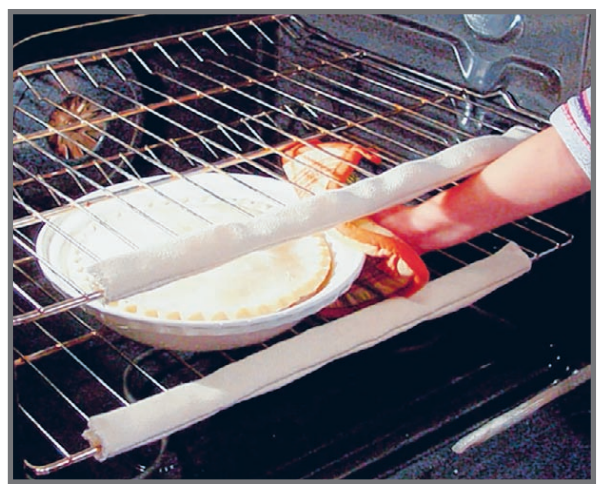
▲ **Easy flames, and warm too** — Flip a switch for instant flames. Fireplace inserts can be installed in an existing wood-burning fireplace, vent-free (damper closed) or vented (damper opened). This **Saratoga Refractory log set** by American Hearth is available at Myers Fireplace & Patio, 808 N. Reynolds Road. \$822 to \$871. Installation fee of \$95 is waived through Dec. 31. Additional \$250 is charged to bring 20 feet of gas line up from the basement.



▲ **Toasty warm** — It's Toledo. It's winter. Keep warm with these **Noble Excellence white down comforters** that are hypoallergenic and washable, and come in crisp, white, hotel-worthy finishes. Full/queen 300, 400, and 500 thread count are \$199, \$249, and \$299 respectively. Available at Dillard's.



▲ **Classy table** — For a change from holly and Santa, go for an age-old pattern. This **red tartan plaid table runner** is made of linen and cotton twill that is yarn dyed in rich holiday colors. 16 by 108 inches. \$89.95 at Williams-Sonoma, Westfield Franklin Park mall.



▲ **Burn protection** — That Thanksgiving burn from the stove rack has finally healed. Never again. Now we're using the **Oven Rack Guard**, made from the same fabric used by firefighters and race car drivers. \$19.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond.