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found the flora a complement to her cocktail attire

topped things off with her favorite straw hat

waited in baggage claim with a sunburn and a smile

plan an adventure

in the

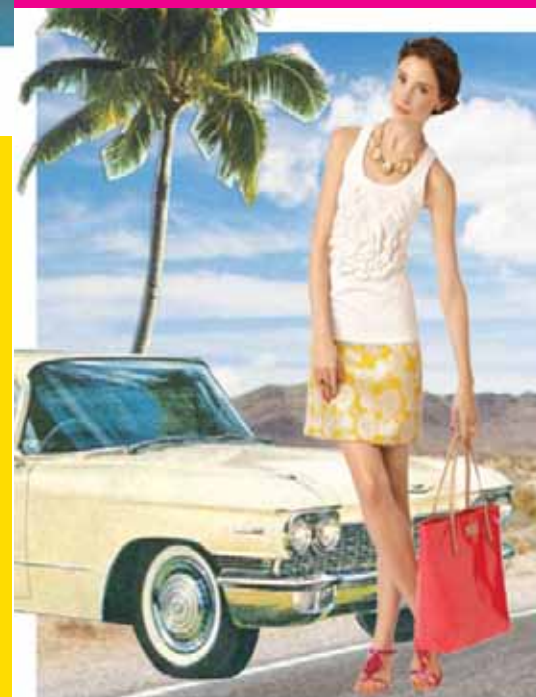
LYCHEE LINDSAY BEACH TUNIC



take the detour

in the

OLEANDER JACQUARD KYLIE SKIRT



woke up early to see the sun rise



antiqued in pomona, lunched in lake arrowhead



beat the bartender at a game of darts



braved the urban jungle en route to dinner

imagined herself on the champagne safari

earned her stripes for taking chances

get carried away

in the

JUNGLE JACQUARD JO DRESS

kate spade
NEW YORK

eco-holiday ideas for under \$10

Trim the tree, wrap the gifts, and decorate your home beautifully—and cheaply—with easy, natural crafts and embellishments.

Say goodbye to the blinking lights, plastic silver balls, and tinsel that like inflated Saratons that have come to mark the holidays. Instead, go back to nature to find your home decorating inspiration and celebrate the season from its roots. We've come up with a dozen creative, incredibly inexpensive, and easy-to-make ornaments, gift-wrapped decorations sparked by the scents, shapes, and ingredients of this festive time of year. You'll already have most of the items you need to create these projects on hand in your spice rack, closet, or backyard. So skip the superstore this year and save your money—each idea costs less than \$10 and most are even cheaper—and the planet by putting a little more green into your holidays.

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Good wish tree

1. Collect a dozen bare branches or winter herbs, look for ones about 2 feet long. Arrange in a vase in a hallway or foyer. 2. Using ribbon scraps, hang small cards with holiday wishes written on one side from the branches. (See number 11 for creative card ideas.)



5 spice stars and drops

Stars: 1. Arrange 3 cinnamon sticks into a star shape. 2. Crisscross 4 thin red balls below 2 times around the center, and tie into a loop. Drops: 1. Thread 2 wooden beads in a row and tie with a string. 2. Wrap twice around the center of each bead, making a loop around each 'bead' and tie the ends into a loop.



6 snowy SUGAR pinecones

1. Collect 20 to 30 pinecones from the woods. 2. Mix the whites of two eggs in a bowl (enough for 30 pinecones). 3. Dizzle pinecones with egg whites using a pastry brush. 4. Sprinkle with crystal sugar. Let dry for 4 hours. 5. Tie string around bottom, leaving a loop for hanging.



7 citrus slices

1. Cut four unpeeled oranges into rounds about 1/4-inch thick. (Each fruit yields about 1 1/2 to eight slices.) 2. Bake on a greased cookie sheet at 175 degrees for 4 hours. 3. Place a hole near one edge with a needle and thread double line through to make a loop for a string.



8 dough shapes

1. In bowl, mix 2 cups flour, 2 cups salt and 1 cup water. 2. Stir, then knead into a ball. 3. Roll out dough to 1/4 in. thickness. 4. Cut into shapes using cookie cutters, and place a hole through the top with a pencil. 5. Bake on a parchment-lined sheet for 10 minutes, until hard. 6. Loosely season through hole and tie a loop.



tree trimming

LED Lights

Brighten your tree—and lighten your bills—by stringing LED lights this year. They consume up to 90 percent less energy than incandescent models and burn up to 10 times longer. Find them online and at many retail stores for around \$20 to \$35.

Ax-Free Tree

This year, purchase a live potted tree instead of a cut one, an option many tree farms offer. Some farms, such as San Diego's Adopt a Christmas Tree Foundation, take back trees for planting in pre-dug holes or for reforesting land that wildfires damaged. Inquire at your local nursery or check the National Christmas Tree Association (christmastree.org) for programs in your area.







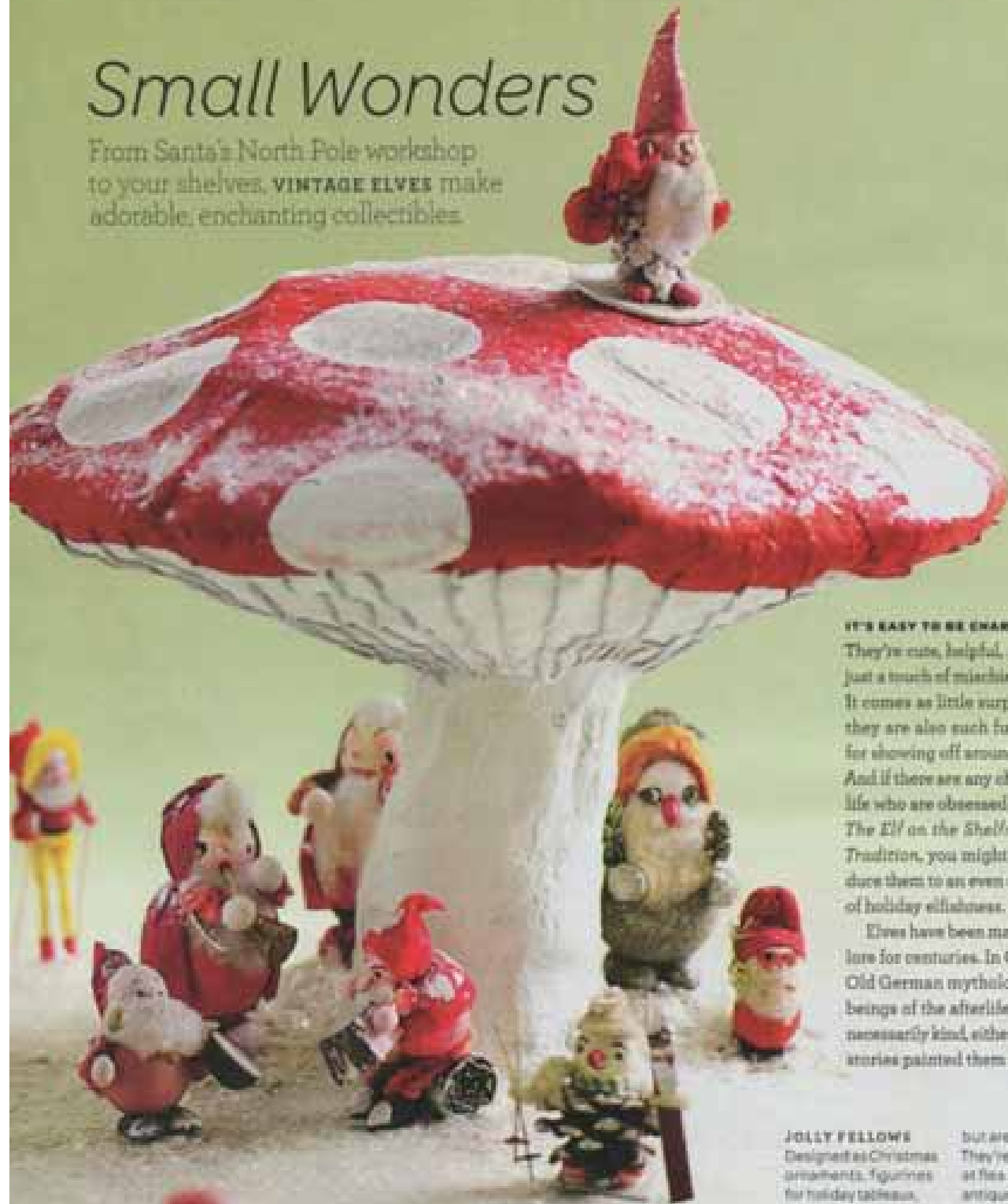




COLLECTING *elves*

Small Wonders

From Santa's North Pole workshop to your shelves, **VINTAGE ELVES** make adorable, enchanting collectibles.



IT'S EASY TO BE ENAMORED by elves: They're cute, helpful, and kind, with just a touch of mischief and mystery. It comes as little surprise then that they are also such fun collectibles for showing off around the holidays. And if there are any children in your life who are obsessed with the book *The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition*, you might want to introduce them to an even older tradition of holiday elfishness.

Elves have been mainstays of folklore for centuries. In Old Norse and Old German mythology, they were beings of the afterlife. They weren't necessarily kind, either—Old English stories painted them as malevolent

JOLLY FELLOWS Designed as Christmas ornaments, figurines for holiday tableaux, and party favors, elves come in various guises but are often bearded. They're widely available at flea markets and antiques shops, as well as on eBay, particularly during the holidays.

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