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## A Quiet Voice Within

As a teacher of origami, Art Beaudry was asked to represent his school at an exhibit at a large mall. He decided to take along a couple hundred folded paper cranes to pass out to people who stopped at his booth.

Before that day, something strange happened — he felt as though a voice told him to find a piece of gold foil paper and make a gold origami crane. The voice was so clear that Art actually found himself rummaging through his collection of origami papers at home until he found one flat, shiny piece of gold foil.

“Why am I doing this?” he asked himself. Art had never worked with the shiny gold paper; it didn’t fold as easily or neatly as the crisp multicolored papers. But the feeling lingered. Art tried to ignore it. “Why gold foil anyway? Paper is much easier to work with,” he grumbled.

The voice continued. “Do it! And give it to a special person.” By now Art was getting a little cranky. “What special person?” he asked the voice. “You’ll know which one,” the voice said.

That evening Art carefully folded and shaped the unforgiving gold foil until it became as graceful and delicate as a real crane about to take flight. He packed the exquisite crane in the box along with about 200 other colorful paper cranes he’d made over the previous few weeks.

The next day at the mall, dozens upon dozens of people stopped by Art’s booth to ask questions about origami. He demonstrated the art. He folded, unfolded and refolded. He explained the intricate details, the need for sharp creases.

Then, suddenly, there was a woman standing in front of Art. Was this that special person? Art had never seen her before, and she hadn’t said a word as she watched him carefully fold a pink piece of paper into a crane with pointed, graceful wings.

Art glanced up at her face, and before he realized it, he found himself reaching for the gold-foil crane he’d labored over the night before. Carefully he picked up the gold crane, and gently placed it in the woman’s hand.

Art said, “I don’t know why, but I felt that I should give you this golden crane. The crane is the ancient symbol of peace,” Art said simply.

The woman didn’t say a word as she slowly cupped her hand around the fragile bird as if it were alive. When Art looked at her face, he saw tears filling her eyes.

Finally, the woman took a deep breath and said, “My husband died three weeks ago. This is the first time I’ve been out. Today....” She wiped her eyes with her free hand, still gently cradling the golden crane with the other. Then she said very quietly, as tears streamed down her face. “Today would have been our ‘golden’ wedding anniversary. Thank you for this beautiful gift and for listening to your heart.”

Author: Unknown

Take time to enjoy the true gifts in your life during this special holiday season. Be sure to listen to your heart and touch someone in need—even if it’s just a hug or a smile!



# What a girl wants...what a girl needs...what a girl knows...

## It's a Small World

Around the world, Christmas is celebrated several different ways in different countries.

- In Australia, Santa comes in swimmers on a surfboard, since it is the middle of summer.
- In the United States, a pine-type tree is decorated with lights and ornaments. Presents are placed beneath the tree and opened on Christmas day.
- Kiwis in New Zealand often eat their Christmas dinner at a picnic on the beach
- In Quebec, Christmas dinner is often called "Reveillon" (waking up) and is eaten after Midnight Mass .
- A tradition in Japan is for a business to send another business oseibo, or end-of-the-year gifts.
- Dressed in silk to avoid the summer heat, Papai Noel (Father Noel) brings Christmas gifts in Brazil.
- Traditionally the Christmas season lasts four weeks in Mexico, beginning on Dec. 16th.
- Advent calendars help children count the days until Christmas in Germany.

## Think GREEN

Don't waste all of your beautiful holiday paper in the trash; recycle it! Run it through a paper shredder to make the perfect filler for gift baskets, packing material for moving, shipping or storing fragile things or kindling for your holiday fire. Take it to a nearby recycling facility, or, save the large un-torn pieces and bows for next year.



## The Value of Time

Every day it seems as though we're hearing about the economy sinking lower and lower. Put a new spin on the holidays this year by giving to those who are less fortunate. Try giving a small inexpensive gift to friends or family members and then going as a group to donate time in a shelter or soup kitchen. Or, make a donation in your family's name to your favorite charity. Often you will find that the time spent giving to others is more valuable than pricey gifts—not to mention the time you get to spend with your loved ones!

## Center of Attention

Are you at a loss for centerpiece ideas? Grab a large bowl or hurricane-type vase, add round ornaments, being sure to tuck in the stems and voila! Use a monochromatic theme with various sized balls for a dramatic effect. Collect different colors and sizes of balls year-round so you'll have options for every occasion. Tuck greens and flowers into the cracks for added appeal and even add a bow of elegant ribbon for a formal touch!



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness.

-- Helen Keller

## In the Bag

Help keep offensive odors from the trash can at bay. Sprinkle some baking soda at the bottom of the can underneath the bag to help absorb smells. Also, try storing extra bags below the bag in use so you've got one handy at all times.

## Shine and Shimmer

Get the season's hottest holiday looks in only a few minutes. Making the transition from office to social outing is quick and easy. Shimmer is in this year! Go for one of two glamorous looks—the shimmery eye and light lip look, or the deep red lips and light eye look. Just don't try and do both. Natural looking balance is the key. Using a great primer is essential to helping your makeup last throughout the day. Try carrying blotting papers to control excess oil rather than re-applying powder.



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## Beauty Buzz

### Gifts for Everyday Indulgence...

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Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

-- Hamilton Wright Mabie



## December

### REASONS TO CELEBRATE!!

- 1 Eat a Red Apple Day
- 4 Wear Brown Shoes Day
- 6 Mitten Tree Day
- 7 Letter Writing Day
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day (United States)
- 12 Poinsettia Day
- 13 Ice Cream Day
- 14 International Children's Day
- 18 Bake Cookies Day
- 19 Oatmeal Muffin Day
- 21 Look on the Bright Side Day
- 25 Constitution Day (United Kingdom)
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day
- 28 Card Playing Day
- 31 New Year's Eve



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### Delightful December

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soon to ensure  
delivery in time for  
the holidays!



## Season's Greetings...

As this holiday season continues and we roll into another new year, I wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for being a part of my business and my life. One of the greatest gifts in my business is the amazing relationships that I'm able to build with women like YOU! May you and yours have a blessed holiday and a happy new year!

## December SPECIAL Offer:

Buy any item and get a second item at equal or lesser value **FREE!!!** Get your holiday gift giving for 50% off. OR take **10% off** ANY holiday product! Call me to place your order with discount.

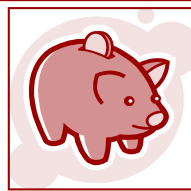


## Simple Chef!

### Big Soft Ginger Cookies

#### Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons ground ginger
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 3/4 cup margarine, softened
  - 1 cup + 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 1 tablespoon water
  - 1/4 cup molasses
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Sift together the flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and salt. Set aside.
  - Cream together margarine and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, then stir in the water and molasses. Gradually stir dry ingredients into the molasses mixture. Shape dough into walnut-sized balls. Roll in the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar. Place 2 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet, and flatten slightly.
  - Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.



## Money Magic

### Gift Giving on a Budget

- **Turn on your oven and bake.** Who wouldn't love a basket filled with homemade cookies, brownies or candies? Try adding a jar filled with the dry ingredients and a recipe to treat in the basket.
- **Make a recipe book.** Include a freezer-friendly meal that's featured in your book. This is great for families with small kids.
- **Exchange stocking stuffers only.** Include nail polishes, foot scrubs, magazines, fluffy socks and sweet and salty snacks.
- **Draw names.** If you've got a big family, try drawing names and buying for only that person.
- **Use your gifts!** If you're a stellar photographer, put together a collage or mini scrapbook. If you're a sewer or knitter, make scarves, blankets or a Christmas tree skirt
- **Be crafty!** Put together a stationery pack or card set. Include cards that can be used year-round as well as blank ones.
- **Make a personalized Christmas music CD.**
- **Personalize a gift box.** For a movie buff, include a DVD and some gourmet popcorn. For a reader, include a good book, fuzzy socks and some tea.

**Ask me for great gift ideas in ALL price ranges!**