

A painting of a winter forest scene. In the foreground, a brown deer with large antlers stands in a snowy clearing. To the left, a small evergreen tree is heavily laden with snow. The background is filled with tall, thin trees, some with snow on their branches, and a soft, hazy light filtering through the canopy. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, whites, and browns, creating a serene and cold atmosphere.

# 2021 HOLIDAY *Gift Guide IV*

## Gracious gifts that give back to nature

If showing loved ones your appreciation with holiday presents is a tradition in your family, you can take that sign of affection a step further this year with gifts that give back to the world around you.

These simple yet impactful gifts help support the Arbor Day Foundation and its mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. With a vision to lead toward a world in which trees are a solution to some of the biggest problems facing the planet today - from air and water quality to climate change and more - the foundation has more than 1 million members, supporters and partners that have helped to plant more than 400 million trees in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests in almost 50 countries to ensure a greener and healthier future.

For each of these holiday gifts, the foundation will plant one tree in a United States forest to help ensure a greener and healthier future. Find more environmentally friendly gift ideas at [arborday.org/giftideas](http://arborday.org/giftideas).

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# Gracious gifts that give back

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support - for every bag purchased, one tree is planted.

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life with Give-A-Tree Cards. Each card you purchase plants a tree in honor of family, friends, customers or associates, helping bring the nation's forests back to life. Plus, you can personalize the cards for free and they'll be sent to you to sign and deliver personally.

### Arbor day apparel

Share your commitment to trees with a loved one by giving a t-shirt from the Arbor Day Foundation. Made from a 50/50 blend of recycled polyester produced from plastic bottles and organic cotton, each shirt, available in adult and youth sizes, is designed to be soft and comfortable. Produced using eco-friendly manufacturing processes, each t-shirt purchase also plants a tree in one of the nation's forests.

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## The most popular toy 25 years ago

Much of the holiday season magic can be traced to the joy kids feel when unwrapping gifts. Many parents with kids grew up in the 1990s and they might wonder what was the must-have item for them back when they anxiously awaited the arrival of Christmas morning? According to Insider.com, who worked in conjunction with the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, NY, 1996 was the year of "Tickle Me Elmo." This toy was the most sought-after item of the 1996 holiday season, and it was so popular that retailers experienced shortages. Those shortages led to some surprising sales on the secondary market, with figures that will undoubtedly drop some jaws even now. Though the Tickle Me Elmo doll retailed for around \$30 in 1996, some parents intent on getting their youngsters the most in-demand gift that year reportedly spent more than \$1,000 on a single doll. To put that figure into perspective, data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis indicates that the average price of a new car in 1996 was \$18,525. And according to Yahoo! Finance, drivers in the market for a used car in 1996 could have purchased a 1986 four-door Oldsmobile for just over \$2,600.



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## Baked Camembert Wreath with Navel Orange and Cranberry

Prep time: 2 hours  
Cook time: 15 minutes, Servings: 6

- 1 navel orange
- 1 can (8 ounces) jellied cranberry sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 camembert cheese wheel
- 1 bag (25 ounces) frozen rolls, thawed
- sprigs rosemary, thyme for garnish

In bowl, add zest and juice from orange.

Add jellied cranberry sauce and red pepper flakes; mix. Store in airtight container in refrigerator until ready to use.

Cover baking sheet or round pizza stone with parchment paper.

Using cheese wheel as guide in center, arrange rolls around cheese leaving about 1/4-inch space between rolls.

Create two concentric circles of rolls around cheese then place cheese back in refrigerator and let dough rise 2 hours.



Heat oven to 325 F.  
Remove top of rind from cheese wheel and place in center of dough. Bake 7-8 minutes.  
Remove from oven and add orange cranberry sauce. Bake 7-8 minutes until bread is golden and cheese is melted and bubbly.  
Garnish with sprigs of rosemary and thyme.

## Chocolate Dipped Candied Orange Peels

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour, Servings: 4

- 4 navel oranges
- 3 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste
- 1 cup dark chocolate, melted

Rinse and dry oranges. Slice both ends off each orange.

Using paring knife, carefully score each orange in quarters then remove peel from each section, trying not to get too much pith.

Slice peels into 1/4-inch strips. Add to pot and cover with water and sugar; stir. Bring to boil.

Turn heat to medium-low until water reaches soft simmer. Simmer 45 minutes. Add vanilla before turning off heat and stirring.

Remove peels from syrup and cool on wire rack. Roll in sugar to coat.

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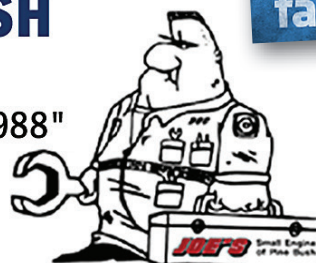
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