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# Service Times



## CATHOLIC:

**Paroisse St. Jude Parish, Espanola** – December 24 - Children's Mass (bilingual) at 5:00 p.m.; Mass in French at 7:00 p.m.; Mass in English at 9:00 p.m. December 25 - Mass (bilingual) at 10:00 a.m. January 1 – Mass (bilingual) 10:00 a.m.

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 160 Darby St, Massey** – December 24 - Solemn Christmas Eucharistic Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 530 Hwy 17, Walford** – December 24 - Solemn Christmas Eucharistic Mass at 9:00 p.m.

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 3 Nelson St, Webbwood** – December 25 - Solemn Christmas Eucharistic Mass at 9:00 a.m.

## PENTECOSTAL:

**Queensway Pentecostal Church, Espanola** – December 24 at 6:30 p.m. December 27 at 10:30 a.m.

## UNITED CHURCH:

**St. Andrew's United Church, 305 Imperial St. Massey** – December 24 - Family Christmas Service and Pageant – 7:00 p.m. December 27 - Rev. Lyn's closing service and retirement at 10:30 a.m.

## ANGLICAN:

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As I write this, Christmas is over a month away. Nevertheless, feeling the pressure of ensuring that a gift is delivered in time, I just purchased the first present of the season, some techie thing that my son had to email me the link for ... smart boy, I probably would have purchased the wrong techie thing if left to my own devices. Now that I think about it, my parents probably felt the same way when I asked for a dual cassette deck/radio back in the early 80's. We didn't have links to email our parents back then, though. It must have been a challenge, but they did a good job and I had that boom box until just a few years ago, when I "downsized." (I should have kept it.) I have fond memories of dubbing music from one cassette onto another, skipping the songs I didn't want on my mix tape. The boom box also had a place to plug in a microphone. Hours upon hours of entertainment was had. Now I have several boxes of cassettes, but no dual cassette deck to play them. And, I sold my last vehicle

with a cassette deck about 6 years ago. Sigh.

Our theme for this issue is Vintage Christmas and to me, a dual cassette deck boom box (or a car with a cassette player still installed) is about as vintage as you can get, unless, of course, you want to talk about 8 tracks. (We won't.)

Thinking about the past almost always puts a smile on people's faces. We seem to remember more of the good and less of the bad. It is nice to reminisce, and our hope is that a vintage themed issue will help you recall the good times, or, as they are often called, the good ol' days. We also hope, however, that this Christmas we can all find good in the present (not the gift present, the present moment), rather than having to remember these moments fondly decades from now.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year from all of us at the Around&About.

*Chloe Kneer, Editor  
Around&About*

## Christmas Dinners

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# Merry Christmas



**Traditional Christmas!!! It will mean something different for everyone—I want to share a little bit of my childhood memories of Christmas. When we were just children—innocent and dreamers!**


I have so many fond memories with my family and picking just one is very difficult! My parents came from humble beginnings and tried to teach us that Christmas wasn't just about the presents under the tree, but of the birth of Christ, and that celebrating Christmas mass was first before any presents were exchanged. Mass was then followed by an abundance of yummy treats and turkey. My mother although she spoiled

us beyond her means would always remind me of her youth when "receiving the gift of fruit was all she got back then." She always told me her house wasn't always full of things but was always full of love! But like most parents today they wanted us to have more things than we needed because they "never had anything." I can only say back then we didn't fully understand how hard they worked to spoil Michel and myself, but we sure know

now the sacrifices they made for us as we try to share the gift of gratitude we feel for them with our children. My dad would hide our main gift somewhere in the house and make us find it!! Every year there was something that every kid in the neighbourhood wanted, and one year in Webbwood, in the early 80's, it was "CROSS COUNTRY SKI YEAR"! Dad thought it was fun telling us where to go to find our gift and we would search all over the house. My parents would love to hear us squeal for joy because we got what we wanted!!!! We were so happy, and couldn't wait to get the wax on our new, shiny skis and get outside and ski with our friends who had also received new cross country skis!! I don't think my step son, niece or nephew would be as happy

as we were if we decided to give them cross country skis for Christmas! Oh well ☺ Have a wonderful holiday everyone—Remember memories will be made and shared with your children, and their children decades from now! Make them count.

**Merry Christmas!  
Nicky Lamothe—Publisher  
A&A**

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# GREETINGS OF *Holiday Cheer*

Christmas for me, has always been a magical time and I owe that to my Mom and Dad. It was always a happy time, full of excitement and surprises. My memories of Christmas include, a house festively decorated inside and out, numerous kinds of homemade cookies, Christmas pudding with sauce and Christmas cake (and the year mom made homemade Irish Cream and she let me have a little glass full). Craft days where we once made homemade ornaments out of salt dough, painted them and hung them on the "Charlie Brown" tree downstairs, Mom playing Christmas Carols on the piano while we sang along, and a trek through the snow to find the perfect Christmas

tree. Dad would sneak under the tree to shake his presents and announce that he knew exactly what was under the wrapping paper of each one. He teasingly would try and get one of us to spill the beans and tell him what we had bought him, but usually without success. On Christmas morning, when the time was right, my sister and I would dash down the hall to see the presents that had magically appeared in the middle of the living room floor and our stockings full of goodies. We would grab our stockings and run to jump on our parents' bed, bursting to see what was in them. Santa always included a big shiny red apple and a tangerine wrapped in its green paper among all the treasures

in our stocking. There was the year that our little dog Pepper got into our stockings and we awoke to find empty wrappers, chocolate smeared across the carpet and her with a brown chocolate muzzle; we still laugh at that memory. As time passed and I had children of my own, I also wanted them to have happy memories and feelings when they thought of their childhood Christmases. So I continued with many of my childhood traditions, included some of my husband's and introduced a couple of new ones of my own. I may sometimes go overboard with it all, but if they get the same warm and fuzzy feeling as I do

when they think about their childhood Christmases then it's all been worth it. I'm wishing you the magic of the season, happy memories and a very Merry Christmas.

**Rayann Muncaster -  
Columnist - Production**



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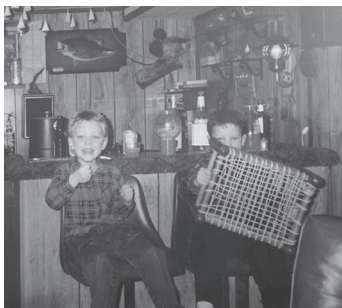


# MERRY CHRISTMAS

My favourite Christmas tradition as a child was that we would spend every Christmas Eve at my grandparents. All of us would get together and spend the whole night in their basement. There was a large sitting area, a small bar, and a fireplace on a stone base. I can remember sitting at the bar and eating nuts and always being in constant laughter because of my grandfather. He would tell stories, make up crazy jokes, and entertain us in any way that he could. We would snack on appetizers and just hang out as a family, no TV, no phones, just each other's company and conversation, something that is rarely done these days. At the end of the night we would exchange gifts. Most years we did a secret Santa gift exchange with each other, and my grandparents usually gave each of the grandkids a gift also. Some of the best gifts

you can give anyone are gifts from the heart, or something that you have made yourself. There was one Christmas my grandmother gave each of the grandkids a very special gift. She spent all year knitting each of us our own blankets. She knitted me a blue and gray one, and I still have it to this day. Although I may have not looked excited when I opened it, it was better than anything else she could have given me. It's something I'll keep my whole life and have to remember her by. Too often we forget what the holidays are really about, it's not about expensive gifts, or fancy things; it's about being with family. I hope that this holiday season you are able to enjoy a more traditional holiday with your family, just like we use to when we were kids.

*Andrew Vondette - Layout-Design - Sales*



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# Merry Christmas

When I was 4 and in JK my mother started a tradition that has been carried on every year since. She found a recipe for authentic German gingerbread and the pattern to make a gingerbread house in a magazine. Since then she has made a gingerbread house for my sister, brother and me to take to school to share with our class and one for home that we always ate on Boxing Day.

When my children started school, my mom came to our house to make the houses with my children to take to school and one for home to eat on Boxing Day. We all look forward to this tradition and seeing who can steal the most mini marshmallows that make the fence around the house without getting caught!

*Christine Spencer, Espanola:*

My most memorable Christmas is actually a Christmas Eve memory and it is a more recent one that I am sure will become a great tradition. However, it may evolve more as time goes on and games change. One tradition that we started a few years ago, is a Frisbee Golf Challenge. Hard to believe but it's true. The game is a Wii game, as I'm sure many of you know. This game usually begins with a friendly competition between my mom, dad, brother, and myself, at times it also includes our boyfriend or girlfriend. However a fun competition soon turns into a very real and very aggressive game of Frisbee Golf. By this time in the game we have each played a few rounds and have also consumed a few rounds ourselves, thus making the

game more challenging and making us worse as time goes on. The games usually start around 7:00 p.m. and continues until 1:00 a.m. or until mom falls asleep on the couch. This one particular time my brother could no longer participate as he had a few too many wobbly pops (therefore he said that he had won the game, or so he believes) and he had gone to sleep, and mom was also in bed. My dad however was not ready to end the games, so dad and I continued to play, next thing we knew it was 3:45 a.m. and we needed to get to bed before the Christmas morning fun began. This became a new tradition in our home and it keeps going and getting better every year.

*Merry Christmas  
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## 20 Tips for an Old-Fashioned Christmas

Most of us would agree that Christmas has become the opposite of what it is supposed to be, a time of joy, celebration and family, turned into a stressful few weeks that many wish wouldn't come at all. Most of us just wish we could go back to celebrating Christmas the way it used to be celebrated, and that we could bring back the time when Christmas was all about simple celebrations, family and honouring the real reasons for the season. It seems easier said than done, and all too easy to get caught up in the commercial trap that Christmas has become. Perhaps this list of ways to have a more old fashioned family Christmas will inspire you to put the joy back into your Christmas celebrations.

- 1) Set a Budget for Christmas – one that you can afford and stick to it.
- 2) Make Cookies and Goodies Instead of Buying Them – use

them for gifts as well.

- 3) Make as Many of Your Gifts as Possible- people love the thought and time that goes into a homemade gift.

- 4) Give Less Gifts-Stop looking at the lists, and the area under the tree, and thinking it is not enough. Set a limit on the number of gifts you buy and stick to it. Give the gift of time and love instead.

- 5) Make Your Own Decorations – Save money and make your home look old fashioned, by making all of your own decorations. Paper chains, salt dough ornaments, bows, candles, popcorn and cranberries, all of these were used back before Christmas became so commercial to decorate homes.

- 6) Invite Fewer People – Nobody says your home has to be the party of the year, every year. Nor do you need to host the entire family for Christmas and make everything yourself. It is ok to set limits on guests,

spending, and the amount of time and stress you are willing to invest.

- 7) Make Cookies with Your Kids- Do it for fun, not because it is expected; teach them how to make cookies that they can make for years to come.

- 8) Play Christmas music and teach the kids how to sing your favorite Christmas songs.

- 9) Go out to the woods and cut your own tree this year.

- 10) Drive around and look at the Christmas lights, play Christmas music and stop for hot cocoa

- 11) Make a Gingerbread House

- 12) Watch your favorite Movies and TV specials with your kids. Watch Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, A Charlie Brown Christmas and all the other classics with your kids

- 13) Most kids today probably have never had homemade popcorn balls, taffy or candy, take the time to share your old fashioned favourites and family

traditions with your kids.

- 14) Make your own Egg Nog
- 15) Look for vintage decorations at estate sales or second hand stores

- 16) Decorate outdoor trees, hang apples and other treats for the wildlife, and string some popcorn outdoors for the birds.

- 17) Have a cookie decorating party. Get the decorations out, and get the whole family together. Serve eggnog and see which person can make the most creative cookie

- 18) Take your child sledding or build a snowman together.

- 19) Plan Free Activities – Play games, do puzzles, watch TV, go for a walk or listen to Christmas music as you decorate or bake, it is a great way to get in the spirit and is free!

- 20) Stay Home – Do not plan long trips at the holidays; it makes them more stressful and expensive. You will find your holiday to be less expensive and more relaxing if you just stay home for the holidays.

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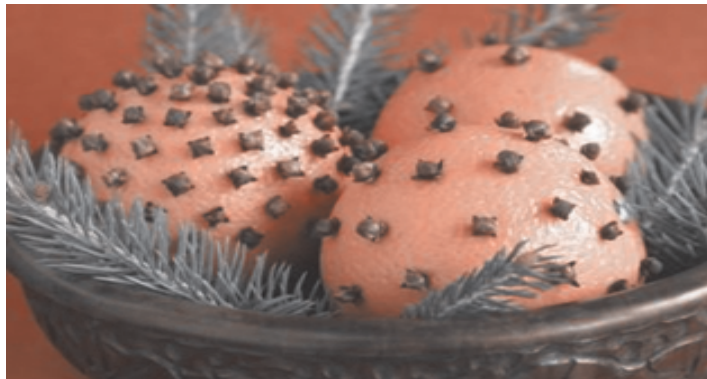
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## Old-Fashion Decorating

### Pomanders

Pomanders have been used to decorate at Christmas since the Middle Ages. To make a pomander you can use an orange, apple, lemon or lime, along with cloves. You will also need some traditional holiday spices like nutmeg, cinnamon and ginger. Mix the spices together in a bowl. Push the cloves in the fruit; covering it completely. Roll it in the spices, leave it in the spice bowl and place it in a dark, cool place to dry out. Check it every day to see if it has dried. Re-roll it in the spices each day to maximize the amount of fragrance it absorbs. Once it has dried, place them in a bowl as decor and tie holiday ribbon on each one for an added festive touch.



### Popcorn and Cranberry Garland

Few things conjure up an image of an old-fashion Christmas like a popcorn and cranberry garland. It is easy to make. All you have to do is make plain, unbuttered popcorn and buy whole cranberries. Use a sewing needle and thread to string the popcorn and cranberries. You can string more popcorn than cranberries because it is more economical; for example, you can string six popcorns, then use a red cranberry and repeat the pattern.



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| 1. Happy     | 5. Family      | 9. Shopping     | 13. Santa  |
| 2. Holidays  | 6. Friends     | 10. Candy canes | 14. Songs  |
| 3. Christmas | 7. Presents    | 11. Cookies     | 15. Movies |
| 4. Vacation  | 8. Decorations | 12. Milk        | 16. Fun    |



# 10 Classic Christmas Movies Kids Love

Christmas is just around the corner! Make a bowl of popcorn and spend some quality time with the kids watching these unforgettable, classic, children's Christmas movies.

## 1. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (1966)

The Grinch loves nothing better than to ruin Christmas for the Whos of Whoville. But when he discovers that stealing the presents, decorations and treats cannot stop the beauty and joy of Christmas for the warm-hearted Whos, the Grinch

discovers he has a place in his heart for Christmas after all.

## 2. *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (1964)

No one can resist this adorable stop-action animation movie about a misfit reindeer with a glowing red nose who goes from being an outcast to guiding Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve.

## 3. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993)

This delightful, quirky film by Tim Burton is a modern-day Christmas classic. Jack

Skellington is the disgruntled king of Halloween Town who becomes transfixed when he accidentally discovers Christmas Town. Find out what happens when he tries to convince the citizens of Halloween Town to celebrate Christmas.

## 4. *Frosty the Snowman* (1969)

The magic of Christmas comes alive in this light-hearted film about a snowman who comes to life thanks to a magical top hat. Karen and her friends name him Frosty, but little do they know an evil magician wants to steal the hat that brought Frosty to life.

## 5. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989)

They did it again! You won't be able to stop laughing at all the goofy gags in the third installment of the Griswold family's hilarious film series.

## 6. *Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965)

Charlie Brown's sad little Christmas tree is a poignant reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. This heart-warming film about the over-commercialization of Christmas still rings true more than 45 years after it was first aired on television in 1965. Join the Peanuts gang for an extra-special Christmas celebration.

## 7. *Polar Express* (2004)

Who could forget the extraordinary story about a doubting little boy who boards a magical train and ends up at the North Pole on Christmas Eve?

## 8. *Elf* (2003)

Add a little comedy to your Christmas when you rent this laugh-out-loud film about an orphaned boy raised by elves who returns to New York in search of his birth parents.

## 9. *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947)

Is it possible that the man working as Santa Claus at a department store is actually the real Santa Claus? Discover the magic and wonder of Christmas in this inspiring film.

## 10. *Home Alone* (1990)

When the McAllister family accidentally leaves their eight-year-old son behind as they leave to spend Christmas in France, Kevin thinks he's going to have the time of his life staying home alone. That is, until he discovers two burglars who have plans to rob his house. This hilarious Christmas comedy will keep you giggling the whole way through.



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# Christmas Trivia

- In Frosty the Snowman, who brought Frosty back to life? Santa Claus
- Who lost \$8,000 in "It's a Wonderful Life?" Uncle Billy
- In How the Grinch Stole Christmas, what biological shortcoming made the Grinch so mean? His heart was two sizes too small
- Who tells you she's in town by tap, tap, tappin' at your windowpane? Suzy Snowflake
- What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time? "White Christmas"
- What was Scrooge's first name? Ebenezer
- Where was I when I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus? On the Stairs
- Who said "God Bless Us, Every One!"? Tiny Tim
- What carol contains the line "O tidings of comfort and joy"? "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
- Name the three reindeer whose names begin with a "D"? Dasher, Donner, Dancer
- In the song "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer" what did Grandma go to get? Her medication
- What was the first gift my true love sent on the sixth day of Christmas? Six geese a-laying
- In what city did Miracle on 34th Street take place? New York
- What one reindeer is never mentioned in "The Night Before Christmas"? Rudolph
- What glittery bits of metal are hung on a Christmas tree? Tinsel
- In It's a Wonderful Life, what kind of spirit is Clarence? An angel
- What were Frosty's last words? "I'll be back again someday"
- On what street did a Santa Claus miracle occur? 34th
- Counting Rudolph, how many reindeer are there? Nine
- What does Alvin want for Christmas? A hula-hoop
- What popular Christmas toy is based on a 1903 political caricature? The Teddy Bear
- Elvis Presley recorded what sad Christmas song in the fifties? "Blue Christmas"
- Who wrote A Christmas Carol? Charles Dickens



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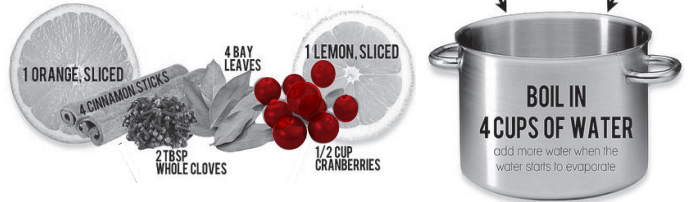


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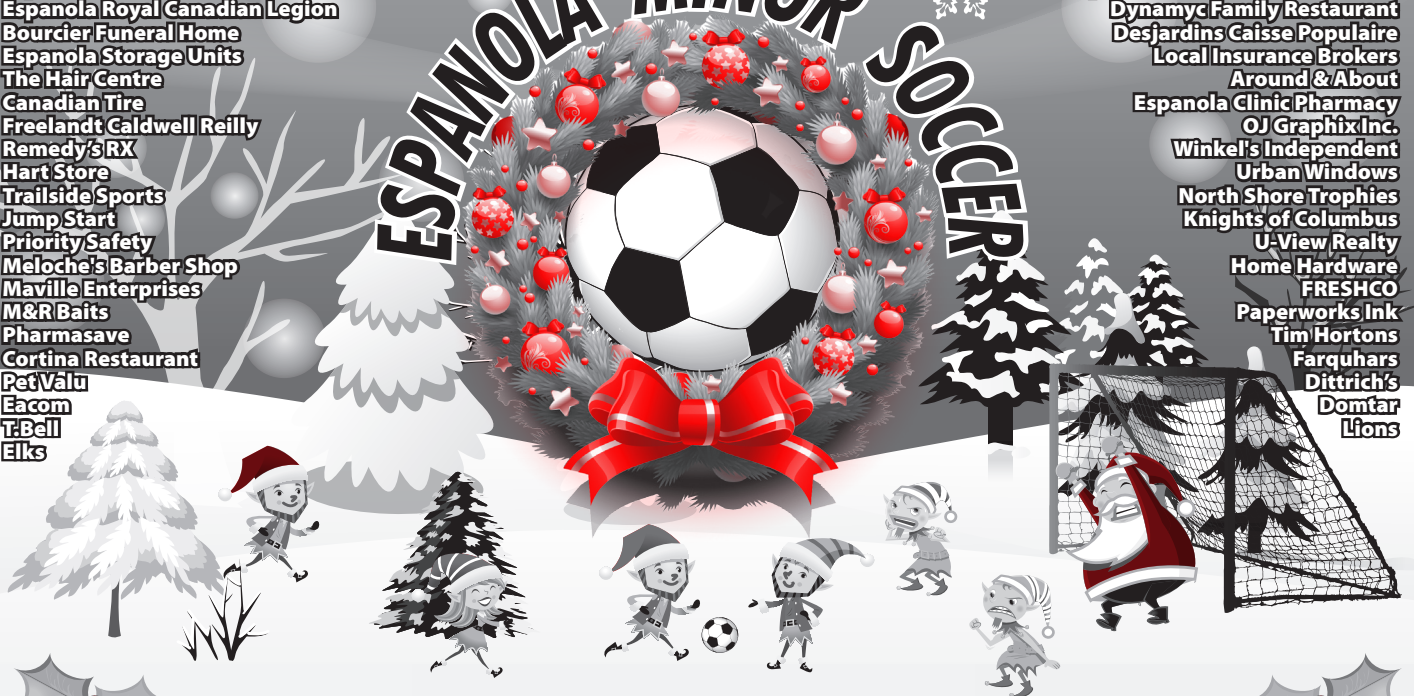
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# 10 Things You Didn't Know About "A Charlie Brown Christmas"



5. There were a lot of concerns about Linus' "True Meaning of Christmas" speech.

6. The special debuted second in the ratings for that night.

7. The youngest voice actor was just six years old.

1. Initially, networks weren't interested in a Charlie Brown Christmas special.

2. There is no laugh track, which was uncommon at the time.

3. Animator Bill Melendez provided the voice of Snoopy.

4. But the other members of the Peanuts gang were voiced by actual kids.

8. The iconic jazz music in the special was created by the Vince Guaraldi Trio.

9. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Stamps printed and available in the USA

10. The 50th anniversary special will be hosted by Kristen Bell.

## Traditional Christmas Craft



This recipe is meant to be used to make ornaments on wreaths, gifts or to hang on Christmas trees. If fragrance starts to fade, drop a little cinnamon oil on ornament.

### Scented Applesauce-Cinnamon Ornaments

- 3 cups applesauce
- 3 cups ground cinnamon

Mix applesauce and cinnamon together until it is thick enough to hold a form when cut into cookie cutter shapes. Flatten the mixture on a flat surface and cut into cookie cutter shapes. Place cookie shapes on a cookie sheet to dry for 3 to 4 days depending on the size and thickness of the cookies. If using as a hanging ornament, make hole with toothpick or a straw before drying.

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# Traditional Christmas Craft

## Salt Dough for Ornaments (decorative, not edible)

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
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- 1 1/2 cups warm water

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (165 degrees C). Mix flour and salt well. Gradually add water, stirring with a large spoon. Finish mixing with hands. Knead until soft and pliable. Roll out on floured surface about 1/8 inch – 1/4 inch thick. Cut shapes out with cookie cutters. Place on cookie sheets. With a straw make a hole in the top of the ornament for hanging. Bake at 300 degrees F (165 degrees C) until hard, about 1 hour. Decorate with paint and varnish to preserve.



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### Classic Sugar Cookies with Optional Icing Recipe

- ¾ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 ¼ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to creamed mixture. Mix well. Chill 1 hour until firm. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough ¼ inch thick. Cut out shapes with cookie cutters. Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

### Royal Icing

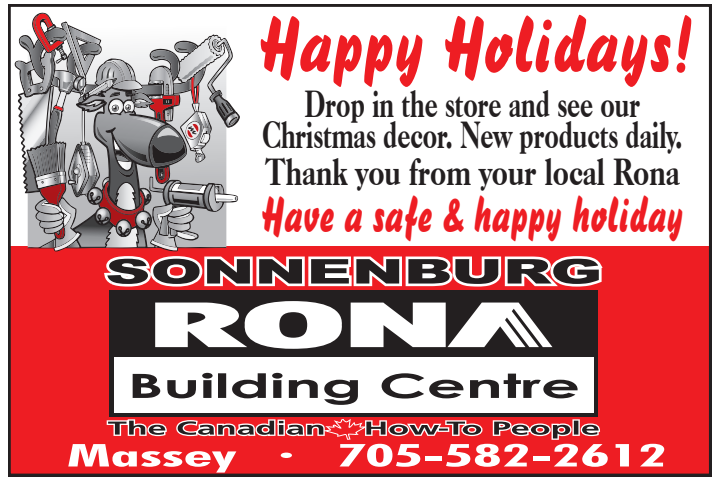
- 4 egg whites (fresh, properly refrigerated, clean, grade A or AA eggs with intact shells)
- 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract or vanilla extract

### Directions

Beat egg whites in clean, large bowl with mixer at high speed until foamy. Gradually add sugar and extract. Beat at high speed until thickened. NOTE: When dry, Royal Icing is very hard, so keep icing that you are not working with covered in a bowl or in an icing bag.



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# Top 10 Classic Christmas Songs Countdown

## #10: "Winter Wonderland" (1934)

Written by Felix Bernard and Richard B. Smith in 1934, "Winter Wonderland" counts as a Christmas tune due to its seasonal theme. Surprisingly, its original bridge about two lovers' spontaneous decision to get married was considered unsuitable for children. This led to the development of an alternate bridge describing the

couple building a snowman only to see other kids destroy it. However, times have changed, and the original bridge found its way back into modern recordings of the classic.

## #9: "Frosty the Snowman" (1950)

This song was composed by Walter "Jack" Rollins and Steve Nelson during the mid-20th century. It was then recorded by singing cowboy Gene Autry and

the Cass County Boy. Though it's been covered by many artists, "Frosty the Snowman" is probably most fondly remembered by the Jimmy Durante version as it appears in the 30-minute 1969 TV special of the same name.

## #8: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (1949)

This jolly song, based on the 1939 story of the same name, was written by famed holiday songwriter Johnny Marks. Its most famous version was recorded by Gene Autry in 1949, and it became the first number 1 song of the 1950s. "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer" has sold over 150 million copies worldwide, making it the second-best selling Christmas single of all time behind "White Christmas".

## #7: "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" (1951)

Meredith Willson took the

classic image of Christmas, with its candy canes and holly, and turned it into a Christmas classic in 1951. Many believe that Willson wrote the song while staying at the Grand Hotel in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, because of the reference to a "tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well...", with the park being Frost Park, located across from the hotel. But it's Bing Crosby who recorded what's arguably the song's most famous version, also in 1951, and this one is still played today.

## #6: "The Little Drummer Boy" (1941)

Originally titled "Carol of the Drum", this popular Christmas song was written by Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. The song tells the story of a poor young boy who is sent to the nativity where he plays his drum for the newborn Jesus. Despite being a song with religious themes rather than commercial

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ones, it continues to be a favorite come holiday season.

**#5: "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" (1934)**

Although it may seem like just a silly kid's song, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" has become a holiday staple and is one of the most popular Christmas songs ever. Composed by Haven Gillespie and John Frederick Coots, the tune was first sung on Eddie Cantor's radio show in November 1934. It quickly became a smash and sold over 30,000 records in one day.

**#4: "Jingle Bells" (1857)**

Believe it or not, this famous Christmas song was actually meant to be for American Thanksgiving. Written by church organist James Lord Pierpont and published in 1857 under the title "The One Horse Open Sleigh," it was republished with the name we know and love today two years later. Since then, "Jingle Bells" has become one of the best-known Christmas songs

in the world. It was also the first song to be broadcast from space after the crew of Gemini 6 serenaded Mission control with it in 1965.

**#3: "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" (1943)**

Is there such thing as a sad Christmas song? The original lyrics for this holiday classic, written by Hugh Martin in the early '40s, were re-written before its inclusion in "Meet Me in St. Louis" as the film's star Judy Garland found it to be too depressing. Garland's version, which she sings to console her younger sister at the end of the musical, combines joyous lyrics with a somber tone that paints a picture of fragile hope and optimism.

**#2: "Silent Night" (1818)**

One of the most famous Christmas carols in the world comes from Austria, and made its debut at one of the country's parish churches on Christmas Eve of 1818.

This iconic carol focuses on the religious aspect of the holiday, with lines about the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus. Soldiers from England, France and Germany actually began the Christmas Truce of World War One by singing "Silent Night" in the legendary ceasefire of December 1914 – which is a testament to its power and endurance. Attend any Christmas Eve mass and there's a great chance you will hear this hauntingly beautiful melody.

**#1: "White Christmas" (1942)**

Who doesn't love a white Christmas? Guinness World Records indicates that Bing Crosby's iconic rendition of this tune is the best-selling single of all time, with over 50 million copies sold around the globe. That makes it the best-selling song ever, not just the best-selling Christmas song. Thanks to its mix of melancholy and comforting images of home, the song resonates with everyone who celebrates Christmas or just loves the season, and that's why it's at the top of the list.

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