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Highlights

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MIDWEST LIVING NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006 PREVIEW **Countdown to Christmas**

25 IDEAS IN 25 DAYS; pg. 16

Keep your friends and family in the holiday spirit with a festive project for each day of the season. Make your own wrapping paper, create a cheerful centerpiece, spread the spirit with homemade spice bags or simply relax at home with a cocoa party. You're bound to find yourself in a merry mood all season through! Also, check out our 25 traditions as we suggest creative ways to bond with your family while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

VERSATILE CRANBERRIES; pg. 26

Cranberries aren't just for eating, and being one of the cheapest and most abundant berries of the Midwest, it's a good thing. They color cocktails, sweeten treats, and are even good for your health! *Midwest Living* shows you how to convert cranberries into centerpieces, wreaths, party favors and oh yeah...dessert. Whether it's the red gleaming through the candles or the juice drizzled over the cake, you're sure to find the perfect way to incorporate this fruit into both your menu and your mantel.

SEASON'S SEATINGS; pg. 35

Thanksgiving dinner? Break out the gourds. Christmas gathering? Snowflakes it is. New Year's Bash? Bring on the confetti. No matter what the occasion, we've got the DIY guide to dressing up your dining chairs just in time for your next get together. With decorative wreaths and cuddly party favors you'll be an instant hit each and every time.

HOLIDAY BOTANICALS; pg. 43

Invite the outdoors in by using natural materials to revive your decorations this holiday season. Evergreens and berries paired with simple ribbons and ornaments create an inviting feel while citrus fruit centerpieces instantly revive a dull table setting. Let us show you a how to spice up your banister or tone down your mantel to create a sophisticated holiday home.

GIVE THE GIFT OF ADVENTURE; pg. 55

Stumped for the perfect gift this holiday season, or any time of year for that matter? Well we've bundled up some of the greatest getaways in all price ranges for you to wrap up and give to your loved ones. From camping trips and boat rides to sporting events and weekends at the spa, there's something for everyone...you might even consider a wish list for yourself!

SKI MIDWEST; pg. 68

Whether you're an avid snowboarder or still mastering the bunny slope, this issue of *Midwest Living* has the latest info on one of Wisconsin's most cutting edge ski resorts, Granite Peak. Read about how Midwest slopes – in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin – are reinventing themselves and start planning your next ski trip today!

GOLD RUSH; pg. 109

With an average of almost 200 inches of snow per year, it's no surprise that the residents of South Dakota's Black Hills consistently associate winter fun with the falling of "white gold" (their term for snow). Cross-country skiing and snow tubing are just a few of the activities available to locals and visitors alike. With its breathtaking views, historic buildings, and cozy lodges, it's no wonder tourists flock to this wintery wonderland year after year.

HOLIDAY COOKBOOK; pg. 117

There's something for everyone in this ultimate cookbook, stocked with everything from drinks and

hors d'oeuvres to main courses and dessert. Incorporate these delectable dishes with our tips for entertaining to create countless memorable meals this holiday season. Think Pomegranate Martinis, Raspberry Chai Smoothies, Zingy Cranberry Shortbread, Smoked Corn Cakes or Chocolate-Dipped Sugarplum Candies.

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