

# Warm Gift Suggestions

## A Cold Christmas Is In Store For Us

How are you going to keep them warm, after they've spent the last 30 years with high thermostats and cheap fuel?



Turning down the furnace to 68 degrees will definitely save fuel, as well as fuel bills this winter. But Americans are not used to cooler household temperatures, as are their English cousins.

A few suggestions will help you and your family adjust to turning the thermostat down. First, wear a sweater in the house. With Christmas season nearly here, sweaters or flannel shirt jackets will be your choice for family gifts this year.

Remember the multi-colored afghans your mother or grandmother kept on the back of the sofa? They were in the living room where the family gathered in the evening, handy for covering laps and legs when the snow blew around the house.

Why not rediscover the fun of making your own? Big needles and fat yarn make the afghan project go quickly. Pick up the family room colors for coordinated warmth. And make one for each of the children. Or teach them to make their own.

There's nothing more depressing and uncomfortable than cold feet. A pair of knitted slippers for each

member of the family can beat the low thermostat drafts.

Each pair takes one two-ounce skein of four-strand knitting yarn and four hours of knitting time.

For the men's size: Using two strands of yarn (knit double) cast 29 stitches on No. 11 needles. Knit first row across. For second row, K9, P1, K9, P1, K9. Repeat these two rows until you have 14 ridges. For the next eight rows, K1, P1 across. For two rows knit two together all the way across. Leaving about 12 inches of yarn for sewing, cut yarn. Thread yarn on large darning needle and pick up stitches remaining on knitting needles.

20-26 stitches from knitting needle and draw yarn to close tip of toe. Sew to beginning of ribbing and fasten securely. Fold back the end of slipper evenly and overcast; fasten yarn securely. There'll be enough yarn left over for a fancy tassel or pom pom.

For smaller sizes, decrease number of stitches or size of needles accordingly.

Finally, use electric blankets for extra cold nights. Surprising, but true: your

family can use five electric blankets cheaper than keeping the thermostat at 75 degrees all day.

A citizens' advisory committee on environmental quality has figured that using an electric blanket on cold nights costs \$3.54 a year. (Multiply that by five and you spend \$17.70 — one for mom and dad and four for the kids' beds.)

The committee's charts show that turning down the thermostat from 75 degrees to 70 during the day and 67½ at night results in a 68 percent savings.

Using New York City as a median between mid areas, such as Atlanta, and cold regions, such as Minneapolis, you can expect about a \$38 annual savings with gas heat,

\$55 with oil, and \$110 off your electric bill.

Subtract the \$17 for five electric blankets from each of these savings figures and you get a net savings for turning down the thermostat of \$20.30 (or \$1.60 per month) for gas, \$37.50 (or \$3.18 per month) for oil, and \$92.30 (or \$7.69 per month) for electric heat.

While everyone may want to try saving fuel by reducing home heating temperatures to 67 — 70 degrees, some discomfort in cooler rooms can be minimized by adopting one or more of these suggestions: wear sweaters, use lap robes or afghans, or substitute electric blankets for 75 degree nighttime heating. It is possible to lower thermostats and keep warm.



TONQUISH CREEK MANOR residents Mary Mihos (left), Lu Taylor and Hallie Martin show some of the wares that will be on sale Saturday, Dec. 1, in the community room of the Plymouth residence for senior citizens. Baked goods, handmade items and jewelry will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there will be a spot to sit down and enjoy coffee and cookies. The manor is located at 1160 Sheridan. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

# Working Wives Deserve Low-Maintenance Home

Estimates of the number of wives who hold some sort of job outside the home vary from 16 to 17 million. Other facts about working wives are more certain. For instance:

- Married women hold one out of every five jobs in the U.S.
- Wives represent about 60 per cent of all working women.

- Outside employment leaves less time for daily housework. Some women solve this problem with outside help. Others do housework in the evening and on weekends.

Most take advantage of time — and — labor — saving home appliances and materials.

This emphasis on easy-care can be seen in the increasing

popularity of materials such as hardboard wall paneling with minimal — maintenance qualities.

Once considered strictly utilitarian, hardboard has moved into every room in the house as a versatile and decorative wall paneling.

Today it is available pre-finished in a wide range of beautiful surfaces, including: stylized woodgrains, decorator colors, unusual patterns and textures, glamor finishes such as travertine marble, and the moisture — resistant plastic — surfaced variety designed for high — moisture and humidity areas like kitchens and baths.

Hardboard paneling is extremely sturdy, and can withstand hard use without denting, marring or scuffing. Most stains wipe off with a damp cloth.

This means that paneled walls can be kept clean and freshlooking with a minimum of time and effort — a daily worksaver for busy housewives.

Another advantage of hardboard paneling is its easy installation. Panels go up quickly with nails or special adhesive over furring strips or right over existing walls.

New plants can be propagated by leaf cuttings and stem tip cuttings.



JADE PLANT

# Plant Of The Week

The jade plant, *Crassula argentea*, is classified as a succulent, having fleshy leaves and stems, says William Carlson, Michigan State University horticulturist.

Although the jade plant will survive in poorly lighted locations, full sunlight is necessary for best growth. A south window is the ideal location. A minimum temperature of 65 degrees F is desirable.

Use a sandy, well-drained soil. Keep the soil relatively dry during the winter and water more frequently during summer and periods of active growth. Fertilize once every two months.

The jade plant can also be grown in water, says Carlson.

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8'	.89					
8'	.89	1.88	2.24	2.91	4.24	3.17
10'	1.29	2.10	2.87	3.84	5.30	3.96
12'	1.79	2.81	4.19	5.38	6.84	4.75
14'	2.09	3.28	4.80	6.39	7.42	5.54
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