



# Holiday Hints

## To Enjoy The Holidays Even More This Year, Try These Easy Ways To Reduce Stress.

(NAPSA)—Take a break and enjoy this holiday season relaxing with friends and family. Following are a few simple tips to make this holiday season more stress-free and enjoyable:

**Holiday Baking:** Many of the new ovens on the market allow you to bake your food—from cookies to pies to turkeys—in half the time. Imagine baking your holiday turkey in just an hour or two. Cookies will bake in just three or four minutes. There are other benefits to this new breed of ovens: they're energy efficient, require little preheating and allow food to become brown and crispy (unlike microwaves). For detailed information about a variety of new ovens visit [www.thisoldhouse.com](http://www.thisoldhouse.com).

**Decorating and Gift-Giving:** If you're like many people today, you take pride in making decorations for your home, as well as many of the gifts you give for the holidays. This is traditionally very time-consuming and often requires starting your gift-making as early as summer. A new sewing machine that's a computer, the Pfaff Creative 2140, lets you complete your projects in just a fraction of the time. This Pfaff sewing machine with dual feed automatically adjusts tension and cuts thread, remembers exactly which stitch the machine was on when the pattern was last stitched, and has an auto function which allows the user to repeat the same pattern many times. So you can make multiple towels at the same time, automatically, and have



**Creating personalized gifts, like this beautiful bear, can be done in a fraction of the time with high-tech sewing machines.**

them on hand as creative hostess gifts. These and many other ideas are available at [www.pfaffusa.com](http://www.pfaffusa.com).

**Gift-Wrapping:** As you listen to holiday music and wrap all of those wonderful gifts you made, try these simple tips to package your presents more quickly and with less frustration. Easy-to-use tapes like Duck Brand's One Touch Tape make taping presents a snap—one hand can hold the paper while the other hand can apply and cut the tape. A simple trick: use a yardstick to tear long pieces of wrapping paper to give you a crisp, clean edge.

Stress-free solutions like these will help give you a chance to enjoy the magic of the holiday season this year.