

Holiday Hints

The Secret To Less Stress? Prepare Early

(NAPSA)—Whether you celebrate Kwanza, Hanukkah or Christmas, the coming weeks will be filled with shindigs, shopping sprees and more than a little stress.

“The holidays should be about sharing time with family and friends, not stressing about all the little details,” says Marshalls’ style expert Jennifer DeBarge-Goonan. “By preparing early, you will have time to enjoy the holiday season with loved ones, not in store lines.”

Here are some ideas you might want to try:

Happy Shiny Faces. Traditional stockings are wonderful, but for a fun and festive twist, have each member of the family take a wacky picture and frame it. Instead of using glitter for labels, put their framed pictures above their stockings. A new twist on an old tradition is always a great conversation starter.

Bottom’s Up. Throwing a soiree on a tight budget? It doesn’t matter what you serve, more what you serve it in. Pick up a stylish bar set and jazz up your plain-old glasses with some sexy stemware!

Cool Kids. Keep your kids looking good this holiday season with warm sweaters in fun colors. Looking good is just as important as being cozy throughout the holidays.

Man’s Man. At Marshalls, finding the perfect gift has never been so easy. Stock up on boldly colored sweaters and ties. Spoil him a bit with some manly accessories like a leather duffel for the gym or a gorgeous pair of leather gloves to keep him nice and warm.



IT’S A SNAP to liven up Christmas stockings when you tag them with fun photos.

The Giving Season. Kids get enough video games and DVD’s, why not give them some more active or educational tools this season? Who knows, that doctor’s set could inspire a future surgeon or a bead set could expose the next great jewelry designer!

Party-Ready. As the days get chillier, be sure to stock up on warm knit sweaters with ribbon sashes. With so many parties, from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Eve, everyone needs a little fun and sparkle in their wardrobe. Now’s the time to stock up on a few festive pieces, after all, ’tis the season!

Fancy Feet. Be ready for any on-the-spot holiday party by keeping a tote in your car with a pair of sparkly heels. Go from day to night without a hitch!