

Helpful Holiday Hints

Your Home Can Glow With Glamour This Season



A votive in a Christmasy holder makes a marvelous mantle decoration you'll be "plaid" you had.

(NAPSA)—Many of the scents that set the mood for the holiday season—pine, peppermint, cinnamon, cranberry, vanilla—were inspired by the love of one English queen for her German husband.

England's Queen Victoria had always loved celebrating Christmas but when she married Prince Albert of Germany, she wanted to please her husband by establishing German Christmas customs in England. These customs included the use of Christmas trees decorated with cookies, candies and candles and the giving of presents.

For many modern Americans, candles still make terrific holiday gifts and are a delightful way to decorate. This year, many candles are pretty in plaid and mirrored crackle balls provide seasonal sparkle. A number of houses will be made festive with candles from the Bath & Body Works "A Perfect Christmas" collection designed by Harry Slatkin, the famous home fragrance guru and candlemaker to such celebrities as Demi Moore and Elton John.

One popular pillar provides a refreshing, spicy scent, but it looks like a giant peppermint



Peppermint candles that provide a refreshing, spicy scent may soon be one of your favorite things.

candy in bright red and green swirls. Other candles are encased in a hurricane lamp.

You can also get candles from the collection that fit into holders made to look like tree ornaments in shiny red, green and silver and pert red and green plaid votive holders that look marvelous on a mantelpiece.

To make the most of your candles, consider new ways to use them.

- For example, float a few in the bathtub in a few inches of water when entertaining. Cluster several tapers together and stick them in floral foam.

- Fill clear glass containers with fresh cranberries, set a pillar candle in it and tie a bow around the container.

- Arrange lots of candles on the dining table and dine by candlelight every night of the holiday season, even if only the family is dining. They'll help make every meal more festive.

You can get all kinds of fine candles and candle accessories at Bath & Body Works and White Barn Candle Co. by visiting www.bathandbodyworks.com.