

Great-Tasting Garnish For Turkey



Food decorations that just look pretty on the platter are "out." Serve something with your holiday turkey that doesn't get pushed aside like a piece of parsley. Raisin Stuffing in Orange Cups is as tasty as it is good-looking.

The taste is in the cornbread or chicken flavor stuffing mix that's in the hollowed-out orange halves. Because the mix has a vegetable/seasoning packet that is separate from the crumbs, it does not need to be cooked in the bird for flavor. That makes this side dish quick, as well as eye-appealing. Choose walnuts, pecans, almonds or peanuts for extra crunch.

RAISIN STUFFING IN ORANGE CUPS

- 3 medium oranges
- 1 package (6 oz.) Stove Top cornbread or chicken flavor stuffing mix
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts

Cut oranges in half, using an apple corer for scalloped edge or small sharp knife for zigzag edge. Remove orange sections and reserve. Squeeze the juice from the membrane and add water to make 1-1/2 cups. Prepare stuffing mix as directed on package, using measured liquid, adding sugar with the vegetable/seasoning packet, and adding raisins, nuts and orange sections with stuffing crumbs. Spoon mixture into orange cups. Serve with roast turkey, if desired. Makes 6 servings.



MANY TOYS HELPFUL TO SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE DISABLED

Since the United Nations declared 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons, it is particularly timely to know that the toy industry has many products suitable for children with learning or physical disabilities. According to Toy Manufacturers of America, Inc., the industry trade association, most of these toys and games, while not specifically developed for the disabled, have been found useful for children with "special needs."

For instance, some construction sets and simple snap-together model kits are fun, learning tools for all children, and especially help physically handicapped children develop eye-hand coordination and motor skills with minimal frustration. Balls to catch and throw, modeling clay and push-pull toys can be used effectively to help develop visual-motor control; dexterity, strength and coordination in arms, hands and fingers; and help balance muscle strength.

Multicolored shape-sorting games, activity boxes, nesting blocks and dominoes help learning disabled children understand concepts of shape, color and sequence. Connect-the-dots games, paint-by-number sets, matching card games and simple puzzles help these children to learn about matching objects visually and perceptually.

Brightly colored flying discs and kites have been used with handicapped youngsters to provide anxiety-free, enjoyable physical exercise and social in-

teraction which is vital to everyone's healthy development.

Puppets, stuffed animals and dolls are first objects of love. Often they are called universal translators of love, security and affection because they help children express their innermost feelings and build self-confidence. Handicapped children who stage their own puppet productions are strengthening their motor skills, too.

Electronics, a relatively recent entry into the toy industry, have been found to have several multiple uses with the handicapped. The distinctive sounds emitted from electronic games make them suitable for the visually impaired and blind; bright, multicolored flashing lights and clear LED read-outs characteristic of electronics make them fun and useful for hearing impaired youngsters; they also have been used to help teach eye-hand coordination to learning disabled children.

The industry also has some specially manufactured toys and games for the visually impaired and blind. Popular board and card games come in braille versions for the blind. Balls with bells or noisemakers inside and games and puzzles with tactually identifiable pieces also are available to be enjoyed by visually impaired and blind children.

For more information on toys for the disabled, write to: Toy Manufacturers of America, Inc., 200 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010

Treat The Tree Trimmers



Neither Santa nor elusive elves decorate the Christmas tree—unless you live in the land of make-believe. Launch holiday festivities with a tree-trimming party ending with delicious Easy Chocolate Cheese Pie and a pitcher of cold milk. The pie is made to order for this busy time of year and can be prepared early in the day or the night before. Semi-sweet chocolate squares and cream cheese provide a rich creamy mixture; the addition of thawed frozen whipped topping lends a light, fluffy quality to this holiday pie. Chill or freeze the pie until firm. Garnish with grated chocolate and take it to the trimming party.

EASY CHOCOLATE CHEESE PIE

- 3 squares Baker's semi-sweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 container (8 oz.) Cool Whip non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- 1 baked 8- or 9-inch graham cracker crust, cooled

Heat chocolate with water in saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until melted and smooth. Beat cheese until smooth and fluffy; gradually beat in chocolate. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Chill 2 to 3 hours or freeze until firm. Garnish with grated chocolate or chocolate curls, if desired.

Winter In Alaska, A Season Of Activity

Surprising as it may seem to some, in Alaska winter is a traditional party season. In between downhill or cross-country skiing, snow-machining, dog mushing, ice fishing, sledding, ice skating, and winter camping, Alaskans give great parties.

The most famous Alaskan bash is the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous each February.

The annual fling commemorates hardy pioneer prospectors and trappers who stayed through Alaska's winters. Gold nugget and fur auctions remain a part of the citywide festivities.

During "Rondy," championship professional sled dog races leap to a start on the downtown avenues. Carnival rides, Eskimo blanket tosses, ski races, snow-machine competition, craft fairs, arts displays, a downtown grand prix auto race and more, keep the action in high gear.

There are demonstrations of northland arts, such as log-cabin building, wintertime games, like curling. Nighttime events include the Miners' and Trappers' costume ball. Visitors also see melodrama theater, snowshoe softball and sled dog weight pulling championships.

The Festival of Native Arts takes over the town of Fairbanks each March. Eskimo and Alaskan Indian tribes display the best of their cultures. Dance, song and crafts competition give visitors a rare glimpse into the rich, thriving culture of Alaska's people. Women from hundreds of remote villages proudly wear gorgeous, exotic, handcrafted fur parkas and enter in spirited competition for the



Sled Dog Mushing, Alaska's official sport, is celebrated in winter carnivals throughout the state.

title of the best parka maker in the north.

In February, the streets fill with "mushing" talk as the Women's North American Sled Dog Races take over. After that is the 1981 Men's National Curling Championships. Competitors assemble from all over America for marathon curling from February 28th to March 5th.

Curling competition on river ice sets the atmosphere for the Fairbanks Winter Carnival in March. Carnival concessions, including dog sled rides, fabulous monumental ice-sculpture competition, displays of arctic goods, plus exhibits by many local organizations provide lots to do in a warm neighborhood atmosphere.

Also in March is the North American Open Sled Dog races. The top mushers from around the nation compete for the championship.

March is also when Alaska plays host to the most demanding single sporting event in the world, the renowned Iditarod Sled Dog Race 1,049 miles from Anchorage to Nome. It

commemorates a battle against the epidemic in Nome during pioneer gold rush days, and the mushers who carried the serum across the frozen wilderness.

Every team that crosses the finish line in this competition is a winner, and Nome makes that well known with torchlight parades and festival events for spectators and mushers alike.

Information about how to participate in these uniquely Alaskan-American celebrations is available from your travel agent, or by contacting the Alaska Division of Tourism, Pouch E-699, Juneau, Alaska 99811, (907) 465-2010.



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When Mom Buys a Truck

Mothers buying trucks? It happens more often than you'd think, for mothers are the prime purchasers of toy trucks and cars, non-fad toy items that appeal to youngsters year in and year out. To help mom shop for a Christmas truck, experts who design the well-known Ertl toy vehicle line have these tips:



Durable metal toys—either steel or die-cast—have

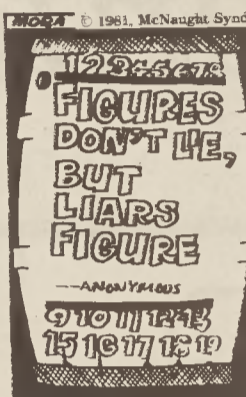
a long play life and often can be passed from one child to another.

Check for safe construction. Quality toys have rolled edges and smooth finishes that won't snag little fingers while stacks and other protruding accessories should be of flexible materials.

Children value realism and a few manufacturers produce toys that are faithful copies of the real thing. Ertl trucks, tractors and cars, for example, are authentic replicas, designed from the maker's own blueprints.

Toy vehicles should match the youngster's size and age. For pre-schoolers, 1/48th scale (an inch equals 4 feet) toy trucks are small enough for easy handling yet large enough to provide interesting operating features. Older children will be delighted with larger-scale trucks, up to two feet long.

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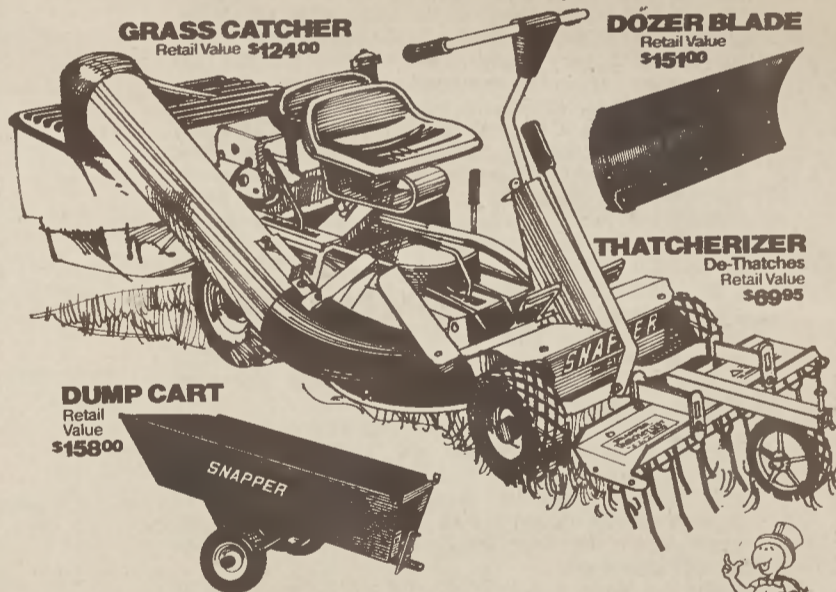


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