

# Fabulous finds at your neighborhood drug store

It happens every year! No matter how organized you are, there are inevitably several holiday gifts you need to buy at the last minute - whether for stocking stuffers, your

neighbor's open house or visiting relatives. An easy and stress-free solution is your neighborhood drugstore.

Most people don't think of drugstores as a source for gifts, but, surprisingly, they are usually filled with a large and eclectic variety of options that run the gamut from

luxurious to practical to just plain fun. Some interesting gift ideas - all less than \$15 - that can be purchased at most chain and independent drugstores include:

• **Hair ornaments** - Drugstores

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are a great source for some of the best-looking hair accessories that can add a finishing touch to a holi-

day wardrobe, including scrunchies, barrettes and combs adorned with rhinestone and faux-pearl accents, and velvet-covered headbands.

• **Fragrances** - While most stores carry a wide selection of perfumes and colognes, one of the best buys is Caitland's collection of scents that mimic the expensive originals at a fraction of the cost. These "imposter" scents sell for about \$10 for a 50ml bottle.

• **Chocolates** - Many mouth-watering confections can be purchased at drugstores. Some even carry the most desirable European brands in attractive boxes for less than \$15.

• **Christmas tree ornaments** - Most drugstores stock a variety of ornaments including some specialty ones sold individually. These make an ideal gift when visiting the homes of friends or relatives.

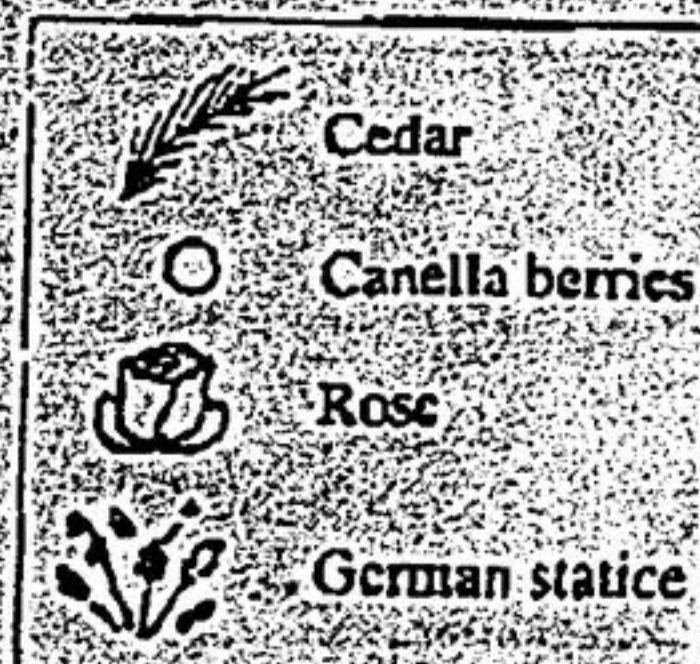
The holidays are meant for sharing good times with family and friends. Why not consider the convenience and selection offered at your neighborhood drugstore to reduce the stress and anxiety so symptomatic of crowded malls and traffic jams.

## Hand-craft a Cinnamon stick, flower decoration

The following craft instructions come from White Rose Crafts and Nursery Sales Ltd.'s book, 'The Biggest Ornament Book-Ever', which contains 120 projects. For more information about the book call 905-477-3330.

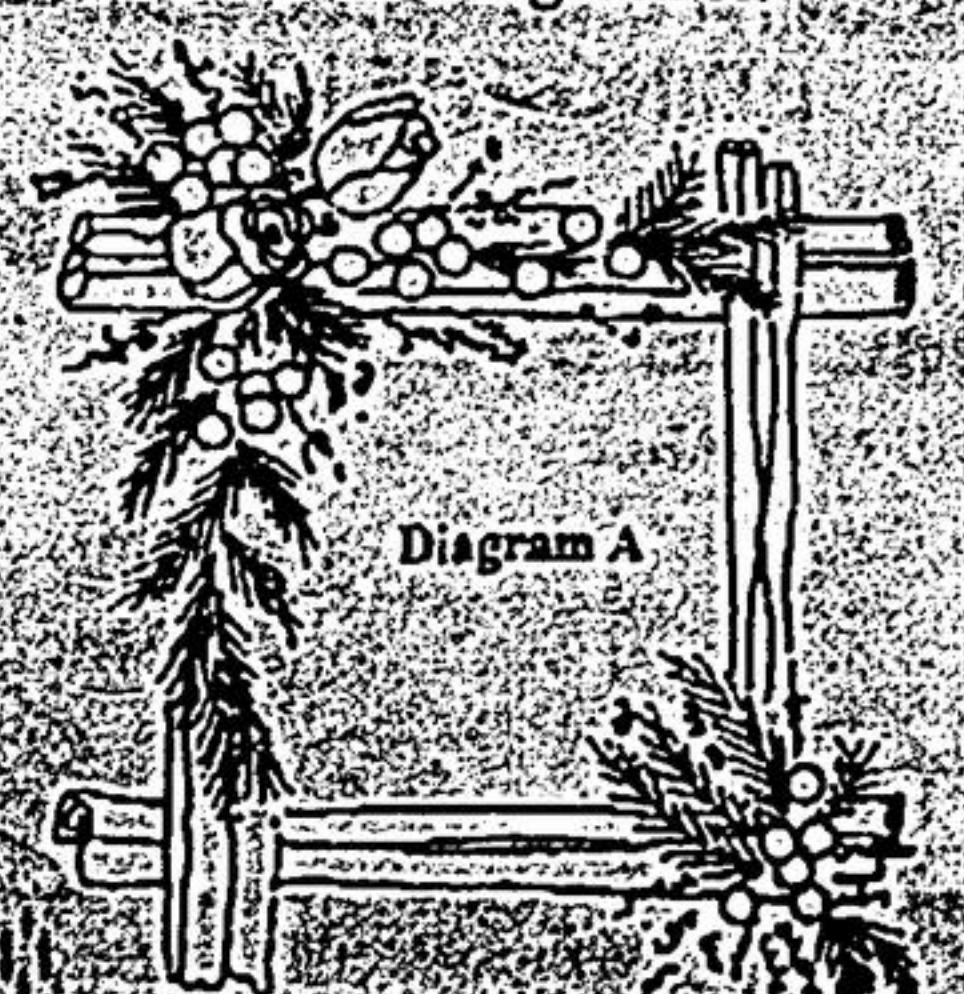
### MATERIALS:

- 8 cinnamon sticks
- 3 red dried roses
- preserved cedar
- red canella berries
- German statice



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Glue cinnamon sticks together in a square using two sticks per side.
2. Glue the cedar, roses, German statice and canella berries as in Diagram A.



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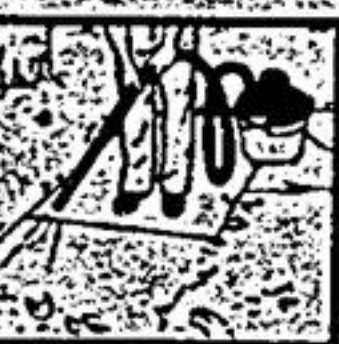


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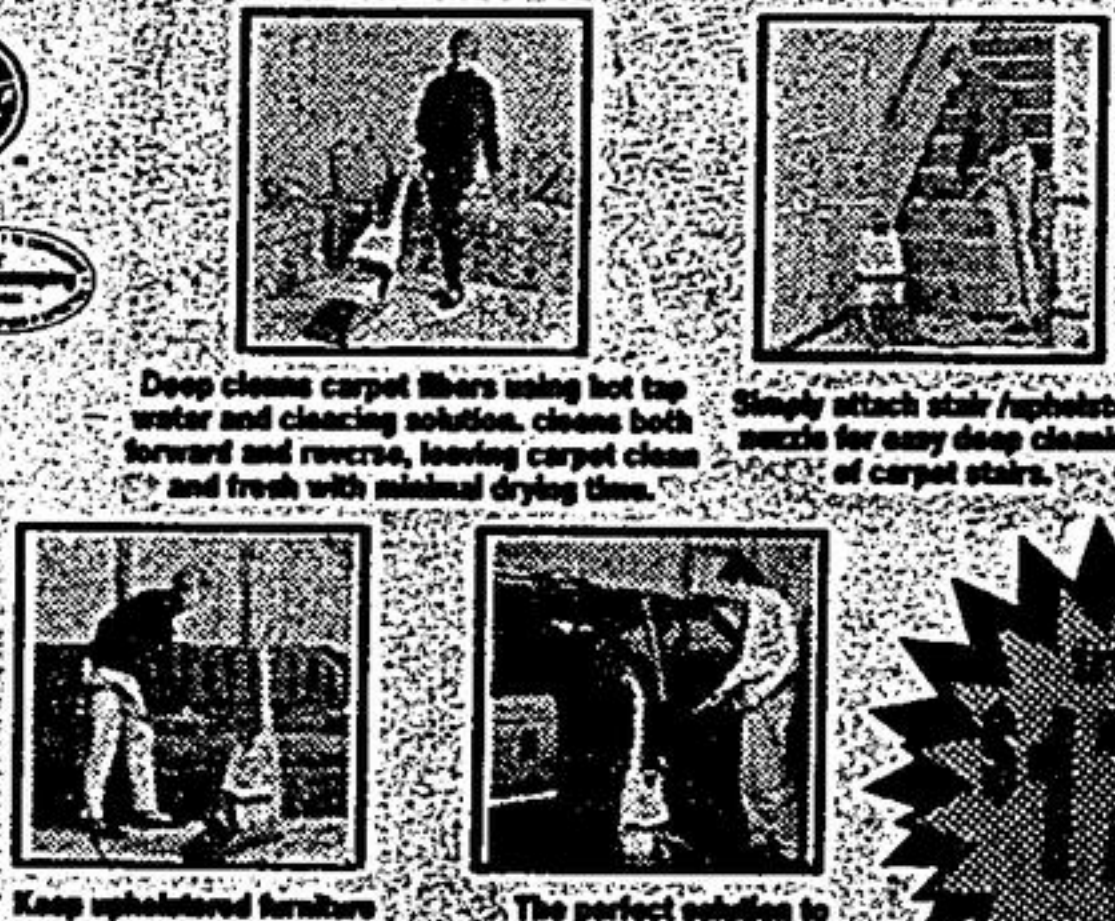
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