

# Seasonal Silhouettes

Give yourself gifts that keep on giving! Display these timelessly festive forms and oh-so-cute critters at present and future Christmases.



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## NATURAL NUANCES

LEFT: Take a pine-toting-sleigh centerpiece for a ride. Arrange the frosty sculpture on a plush bed of artificial snow spread across a fireplace or range-hood mantel, a bookshelf or a side table. To create a tasteful kitchen island vignette, place the piece in a trencher surrounded by petite wrapped presents. ABOVE: Handpainted gourd ornaments accented with holiday motifs and shapely spindles contribute organic interest to your Christmas pine, but really shine when showcased in a place that allows their fetching curves and yuletide images to be appreciated.



## CREATURE COMFORTS

ABOVE: Carve out a spot on a windowsill or a shelf to showcase a vignette that's swarming with whimsical winter characters. Group a flock of red-feathered cardinals, aptly clad in hats and scarves, atop snow-dusted birch logs set amid a forest of tiny tannenbaums. LEFT: Use stand-alone statues, such as this metal deer, to dress up a forgotten corner or enliven a basket of greens set doorside on your front porch. Better yet, collect a herd of the antlered, beribboned figures to fill in around the base of your fir until it's time to put out stacks of charmingly wrapped presents.