**Add holiday style!**

“‘The bright mix of holly and evergreens evokes a feeling of warmth and holiday joy,’” says floral pro Tracy Haferbier of Rose Garden Florist in Barnegat, New Jersey. And today’s the perfect day to bring the cherry Christmas favorite right to your tabletop! To create this fresh-picked display, press cut-to-fit soaked floral foam into a 6” red vase. Insert Frasier fir and evergreen trimmings into the foam, forming a soft mound. Next, evenly space a handful of holly stems throughout. To finish, tuck in a craft-store wooden reindeer accent and ornaments.

**Snag deals!**

This holiday—the last Saturday before Christmas—is celebrated by a whopping 66% of consumers looking to pick up presents! “Retailers know shoppers are scrambling to find last-minute gifts, so they’ll be competing to draw shoppers in,” says Courtney Jespersen, a consumer savings expert for NerdWallet.com. That means amazing deals for you! And to ensure you’re getting the best savings, use the free Shopular app, which lists bargains in stores near you. Already finished shopping? You can still walk away with great finds for next season. Scoop up great deals on decorations, says Jespersen. “Retailers will be starting to clear out their Christmas displays.”

**Raise your glass!**

The weekend’s almost here—celebrate with a sangria cocktail! “The wine and fruit are delightful, but throw in brandy and let the ingredients meld with some time together in the fridge and you have a drink that’s over-the-top good,” says Dominique DeVito, author of Seasonal Sangria.

To make DeVito’s Plumdemonium:

- 1 bottle dry red wine (like Merlot),
- 2 plums and 1 apricot (pitted and sliced),
- 1 cup cranberry juice and ¼ cup brandy in a pitcher. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours.
- Add ice and 1 cup seltzer. Stir and serve. Garnish with cranberries and orange slices.

**Have gift cards to spare?**

Consider sending them to Support Military Spouses (SupportMilitarySpouses.org). The nonprofit uses the cards to buy items for the care packages they donate to families of active-duty military personnel to brighten their day. Mail to Support Military Spouses, 1100 Commons Blvd., #907, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.