# **Domestic Goddess**

# Afternoon Despatch & Courier

# oman's World

### **SERVE UP A BAUBLE**

Serving guests at your party just got a little more interesting. Step up your Christmas spirit with this scratch resistant, red and white bauble inspired serving tray. Price ₹675 - 800

Where Home Collective, Chowpatty



### **HARK THE** HERALD ANGELS

Give your home an angelic feel this Christmas with this simple handcrafted silver angel bell. It will add a little charm to the season no matter where you place it. Price ₹699 Where www.craftsvilla.com



**CUPPA CHRISTMAS** Instead of a usual thermos to carry the coffee you're going to need to keep away the winter chills, we suggest investing in

Price ₹2,190 Where Home Collective, Chowpatty

**REIN IN THE** 

We love these reindeer

over the top and subtle

in colour, adding just a

Price ₹1,161 onwards

statues. They're not

dash of Christmas

Where @home,

Andheri (W)

cheer to your room.

**FESTIVITY** 

With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to spruce up your home! Rhea Dhanbhoora shows you how to let in a little festive cheer with some great Christmas themed décor...

HALLS!

DECK THE

this reindeer inspired red one.

### Christmas colours can make vour house look festive and this red and green Palmyra Leaf Chettinad Basket can

**COMFORT COLOURS** 

also help you get organised. Price ₹999 Where www.craftsvilla.com

KEEP IT COOL These unique bean shaped Aduki Ni lights can be placed anywhere and radiate a spectrum of colours, setting a festive mood wherever you place them. Price ₹2,999 Where www.hitplay.in



**CUSHION-Y CHRISTMAS** Red is the ultimate Christmas colour and these red and white festive cushion covers will help give your home a warm, Christmas glow. Price ₹100 onwards

Where Shahenaz Home Shop, Lower Parel

### **A GOLD TOUCH** A touch of class and

elegance is just what you need in your home this festive season. With gold and white leaves twined around it, these candle holders will illuminate any room in your home. Price ₹250 onwards Where Serenity Bandra (W)

**LIGHT A STRING** They look like spools of string and if you're not too keen on snowflakes and Christmas trees as part of your home décor, these candle stands

are for you. Price ₹1,450 Where BoConcept, Worli



**GIMME RED!** We just love this festive serving tray! With the white and gold Christmas tree, it's perfectly festive. Price ₹390 Where @home, Andheri (W)

## **« TOP 5: WAYS TO DEAL WITH A GUEST WHO HAS OVERSTAYED THEIR WELCOME**

### **1. SET DEADLINES**

If you've got relatives dropping in unannounced, you can tell them "We're so glad to have you but we will be available only till Thursday as we're setting out for a family outing for the weekend." It doesn't matter whether you have plans or not. This will let them know that they can't assume to stay forever.

### 2. DON'T ENTERTAIN

If they're far off relatives who are here only because it was convenient, don't entertain their stay after a point. Of course, you can't tell them get out upfront but you don't need to provide services such as laundry to them. Once they realise you're not going to play polite host anymore, they're sure to get packing.

### 3. BE OUT

If they're hovering around the house, invading family time, instruct family members to stay out. Do overtime at work, or go window shopping. You may think that this will allow them to take over the house, but if these guests have any shame, they will realise that they are forcing people out of their own home.

### 4. BE ANYTHING BUT WARM

Once a guest has overstayed his or her stay, you need to be anything but a warm host. Don't adjust plans according to your guests. Don't miss your yoga class or wait for them at the dinner table. As rude as it may appear, when people seem to forget their basic manners, that's how you should behave too.

### **5. BE DIRECT**

There's a saturation point for everything and if your "guests" seem to have surpassed that point, you can be upfront and tell them what you feel about their over extended stay. Politely tell them that while you enjoyed their company, they need to find themselves a new pad as you need to get on with your life.

