

Christmas tree, Balsam Hill. Sofa, Crafted. For details, see page 65. Stylist's assistants: Nonci Nyoni, Angelee Murray. Calligraphy by Lesley Workman.

Christmas

ALL THE JOY OF THE SEASON WRAPPED UP WITH A BOW

Time to *sparkle*

H&G's Sophie Wilson styles six rooms with one elegant scheme, putting a sophisticated twist on tradition.

STYLING *Sophie Wilson* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Lauren Trompp*

SEASONAL *setting*

CURATE A TABLESCAPE WITH A SENSE OF RELAXED ELEGANCE



Wreath of pine, spruce, ivy berry, woody pear and cascade wattle by Benjamin Avery of Colourblind Studio. Walls painted Bauwerk Colour Iris. Pendant light, \$3650, The Vault Sydney. Wishbone chairs, \$320 each, Provincial Home Living. 'Sylvie Tassel' cushion, \$340, Merci Maison. Nine Muses Textiles 'Point Deux Stripe' wrapping in Cardamom, Tigger Hall Design. Blue ribbon, \$25.95/3m, Bespoke Letterpress. On table, this page and opposite 'Francesca' tablecloth, \$1085, Fred Home. Medium white bow, \$182, Rose Van-Eyk. Decanter, \$138, and teapot, \$185, both Love After Love. Cocktail glasses, \$100/two, Nachtmann. Candle holders, \$79/three, Luxe & Beau. Candles, from \$9 each, Studio Billie. 'Frida' napkins, \$140/four, and 'Tabatha' bow, \$70, all Fred Home. Bowl, \$579, Maison et Jardin. Silver ornaments, \$399/24, Balsam Hill. Cake stand, \$200, Victoria Collison. Biscuits, \$11.95, Simon Johnson.



Dark chocolate squares, \$6.50/30g, limited-edition milk banana caramel chocolate frogs, \$28.90/150g, and brandy pudding truffles, \$29.90/150g, all Haigh's Chocolates. 'Lotus' plate, \$59.95, Alfresco Emporium. Carron bowl on stand, \$399, Maison et Jardin. Trinket jar, \$14.95, and silver tray, \$69.95, both French Knot. ▶

LAVISH *living*

ALL THE ESSENTIALS FOR A MAGICAL MAIN EVENT



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'Fern' wallpaper in Beige, \$280/10m, Milton & King. 'Monterey Pine' Christmas tree with LED Clear Lights (274.5cm), \$3299, and BH Essentials 'Classic' ornaments in Silver, \$399/24, all Balsam Hill. 'Sofia' three-seat sofa in European linen, \$6489, Crafted. Large white bow, \$335, Rose Van-Eyk. White and Silver ornaments, \$40/four, Provincial Home Living. 'Hydrangea' tissue paper, \$39.95/30 sheets, and blue ribbon, \$25.95/3m, both Bespoke Letterpress. Nine Muses Textiles 'Frou Frou' wrapping in Forest, Tigger Hall Design. Satin ribbon, \$27/10m, Inky Co. 'Camille' cushion, \$280, and 'Sylvie' cushion, \$310, both Merci Maison. 'Everyday' cushions in Powder Blue, \$89 each, both Pepperwhites. 'Woodland' cushion, from \$119, Alfresco Emporium. Floor lamp, \$2750, The Vault Sydney. Coffee table, \$2065, GlobeWest. Trinket jar, \$14.95, French Knot. Salted butter caramels, \$19.95/150g, Simon Johnson. Vintage teapot, \$185, Love After Love. Vintage pot, \$185, Pepperwhites. Rug (230x160cm), \$2200, Cadrys. ▶

WRAPPARTY 'Monterey Pine' tree (274.5cm), \$3299, Balsam Hill. 'Sofia' sofa in European linen, \$6489, Crafted. 'Hydrangea' paper, \$39.95/30 sheets, Bespoke Letterpress. Nine Muses Textiles 'Frou Frou' wrapping in Forest, Tigger Hall Design. Ribbon, \$27/10m, Inky Co. 1 Handcrafted glass vase, \$440, Cleo Collects. 2 'Gio' teacup and saucer, \$100, Wedgwood. 3 'Terry' tic-tac-toe set, \$149, Country Road. 4 Norfolk pine Christmas tree with pot, \$59.95, Alfresco Emporium. 5 Silver-coated ornament, \$99, Wedgwood. 6 Enamel Trio artwork by Jody Riggy, \$790, Cleo Collects. 7 'Ancora' sugar bowl, \$35, T2. 8 Australian House & Garden 'Hinterland' candle, \$34.95, Myer. 9 'Flower Trail' cushion, \$290, Highgate House. 10 Diptyque 'La Foret Reve' scented matches, \$53, Mecca. 11 Lotus plate, from \$59.95, Alfresco Emporium. 12 1960s Italian vintage magazine holder, \$1150, Cleo Collects.

DECK *the hall*

A STUNNING SETUP TO IGNITE THAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



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This page and opposite 'Shadow Palms' mural (3x1m), \$280, Milton & King. 'Boston' wall lights, POA, Laura Kincade. Mirror, \$1950, The Vault Sydney. Piper 'Spindle' console in New Oak \$1905, GlobeWest. 'Sovereign' vase, \$80, and 'Noelle' townhouse tealight holders, from \$36 each, all Provincial Home Living. 'Classic' ornaments in Silver, \$399/24, Balsam Hill. 'Gold & Green' wreath, \$310, Rose Van-Eyk. Nickel dish, \$399, Alfresco Emporium. 'Smoke' candle holders, \$149/two, Luxe & Beau. 'Dawn' taper candles, from \$9 each, Studio Billie. Large white bow, \$335, Rose Van-Eyk. Small gifts in Nine Muses Textiles 'Point Deux Stripe' wrapping in Cardamom, Tigger Hall Design. Blue silk ribbon, \$25.95/3m, Bespoke Letterpress. Large gifts in 'Plymouth' fabric in Amalfi, POA, Warwick Fabrics.

1 Australian House & Garden 'Eucalyptus' Christmas fabric hessian bow (23cm), \$12.99, Myer. 2 'Mixed Cypress' holiday wreath, \$285, Highgate House. 3 'Julep' vase, \$49, Pottery Barn. 4 'Dee Dee' maxi basket, \$550, Alemaïs. 5 'Noelle' tree decoration, from \$20/small, Provincial Home Living. 6 Wicker bell, \$32/large, Highgate House. 7 Alaska Christmas glass baubles in Smoke, \$49.95/four, Aura Home. 8 Stingeray handcrafted ceramic by Rebekah Clark, \$285, Cleo Collects. 9 'Mickey' silk scarf, \$190, Alemaïs. 10 'Whispers of Bloom' ceramic vessel No 2, \$1650, Victoria Collison. 11 'Fir Christmas Tree' scented candle, from \$189, Trudon. 12 Julie Neill 'Alberto' cordless accent lamp, \$740, The Montauk Lighting Co. ▶

TABLE *magic*

FRESH FLORALS, 'THE GOOD' SILVERWARE AND PRETTY BOWS



This page and opposite 'Francesca' tablecloth, \$1085, Fred Home. 'Signature' five-piece cutlery set, \$80, and 'Heirloom' placemats in Blue with Green, \$89 each, all Luxe & Beau. 'Vienna' dinner plate, \$26.95, and side plate, \$19.95, all French Knot. Gift-wrapping, Tigger Hall Design. Blue silk ribbon, \$25.95/3m, Bespoke Letterpress. Cocktail glasses, \$100/two, Nachtmann. Marble candle holder, \$125, and 'Dawn Taper' candles, from \$9 each, Studio Billie. 'Lotus' plates, from \$59.95 each, and antique silver fish platter, \$599, all Alfresco Emporium. Silver ornaments, \$399/24, Balsam Hill. Rustic gold vase, \$60/two, and urn, \$60, all Luxe & Beau. Chocolate biscuits, \$11.95/150g, Simon Johnson. Decanter, \$138, Love After Love. Medium bow, \$182, Rose Van-Eyk. ▶





HAPPY hour

RING IN THE OCCASION WITH A SHOT OF VINTAGE GLAMOUR



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This page and opposite 'Francesca' tablecloth (300x170cm), \$1085, Fred Home. 'Yoz' pot, \$145, Kate Nixon. Touch lamp, \$189, Alfresco Emporium. Silver-coated ornaments, \$99 each, Wedgwood. Silver plate, \$69, Pepperwhites. 'Belmont' small rattan urn, \$229, Kate Nixon. 'Bubble' vase, \$169, Maison et Jardin. 'Nina' oval tray, \$575, Design Studio. Occasional small bowl, \$570, W.J. Sanders. 'Mesa sorbetes' ice-cream coupe, \$20, Mesa. Espresso martini glass, \$110, Spiegelau. Olive cocktail pick, \$125/four, Corey Ashford. Cocktail napkins, \$40/four, In The Roundhouse. Glass decanter, \$138, Love After Love. 'Akora' bread basket, \$70, Tanora. Drinks, from left to right Perrier-Jouët Blanc de Blancs champagne, \$149.99, Belle Epoque Vintage rose, \$399.99, Belle Epoque Vintage champagne, \$300, 2024 Bird in Hand pinot nero rose, \$35, 2023 Roseblaad d'Estoublon 1489 rose, \$89.99, 2020 Rameau d'Or rose magnum, \$70, and 2025 Bird in Hand pinot grigio, \$35.

1 Champagne bucket, \$289, Maison et Jardin. 2 'The Penelope' napkin, \$169/four, Fred Home. 3 1960s Italian Gabriella Crespi-style platter, \$890, Cleo Collects. 4 'Hudson' bar cart in Olive, \$299, Domayne. 5 'L'Escargot' dessert spoons, \$79/six, Maison Balzac. 6 Australian House & Garden 'Marni' jug in White, \$69.95, Myer. 7 Chippendale round tray, \$4100, Tiffany & Co. 8 Marble leaf bowl, \$199, Alfresco Emporium. 9 Mesa Collections fish lemon squeezer, \$20, Mesa. 10 'The Tabatha' napkin bow in Khaki Brown, \$70, Fred Home. 11 Silver-plated candelabra, \$319, Trudon. ▶

NIGHT before Christmas

STYLISH FINDS FOR THE LITTLE ELVES IN YOUR LIFE



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SWEET DREAMS 'Emery' bench, \$1695, Provincial Home Living. 'Lavaka' cushions, \$200 each, Tanora. Christmas stockings, \$64.95 each, Bespoke Letterpress. Bunny, \$35, Pepperwhites. 'Claudette' lamp, \$500, Merci Maison. Rattan luggy, \$119, Olli Ella. Nine Muses Textiles 'Point Deux Stripe' wrapping, Tigger Hall Design. Blue silk ribbon, \$25.95/3m, Bespoke Letterpress. 1 Rattan strolley, \$199, Olli Ella. 2 'Felicity Frill' pyjamas in Pinstripe Blue, \$55, Piyama. 3 Australian House & Garden Christmas stocking, \$29.99, Myer. 4 'Mara' hooded robe, \$79.95, Country Road. 5 'Sammy the Seagull' pool ring, \$39.95, Seed. 6 Winnie-the-Pooh book, \$26.99, Pepperwhites. 7 Lace-up sneakers, \$89.95, and 8 'Elysia' lunch pack, \$59.95, both Country Road. 9 Denim overalls, \$79.95, Goldie + Ace. 10 Jellycat 'Romy Reindeer', \$84.95, Seed. 11 Sunnyslife beach paddle set in Blue, \$39.99, Myer.

'Sinharaja' wallpaper in Tan, \$499/20m, Milton & King. 'Louis' bedhead with fringe, from \$2500, Heatherly Design. Boxwood wreath, \$60, Provincial Home Living. 'Calverton' fabric, POA, Warwick Fabrics. 'Basix' pillowcase, \$85, 'Flocca linen throw, \$499, and duvet, \$629, all Hale Mercantile Co. Linen cushion, \$89, 'Benny' the bear, \$52, and cream bunny, \$35, all Pepperwhites. Green-striped santa sack, \$140, Rose Van-Eyk. 'Hydrangea' tissue paper, \$39.95/30 sheets, and Blue silk ribbon, \$25.95/3m, both Bespoke Letterpress. 'Charles' bedside table, \$1095, GlobeWest. Blue stripe scallop table lamp, \$239, Luxe & Beau. Winnie-the-Pooh book, \$26.99, Pepperwhites. 'Elements' rug (230x160cm), \$2200, Cadrys. >





'Hydrangea' paper, \$39.95/30 sheets, and silk ribbon, \$25.95/3m, all Bespoke Letterpress. Nine Muses Textiles 'Frou Frou' wrapping in Forest, Tigger Hall Design. Festive Silver Tonquin' ornaments, \$99 each, Wedgwood. 'Noblesse' cocktail glass, \$100/two, Nachtmann. Palecek 'Kenis' tray, \$1140, and bonsai scissors, \$35, both Kate Nixon Store. 'Elements' rug in Beige, \$2200, Cadrys.

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STYLE SETTER

Beautiful objects to make lasting memories for your family.



1 Boxwood wreath, \$60, Provincial Home Living. 2 Carafe, \$480, Dior. 3 Diptyque 'Sapin (Pine Tree)' candle, from \$85, Mecca. 4 'Farmhouse Navy Stripe' bow, \$182, Rose Van-Eyk. 5 'Winter Wonders' flutes in Snowflakes, \$609/two, Waterford. 6 Casa Domani 'Castello' gift boxed cutlery set, \$139.95/24 pieces, Myer. 7 Aerin scalloped napkin, \$99/four, Williams Sonoma. 8 Metallic bird decoration, \$34.95/three, Country Road. 9 Christmas bon bons, \$49.99/six, Adairs. 10 Brass Christmas tree, \$49/medium, Saison. 11 'Winter Collage' Christmas figurines, \$39.95/three, Villeroy & Boch. 12 'Toy's Delight Royal Classic' dinner plate, \$59.95, Villeroy & Boch. H&G