

# Fill your week

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING

## Wow your crowd!



These turkey cupcakes are surprisingly easy to decorate, say the pros in the *Woman's World* test kitchen. To do: Tint vanilla frosting with red, orange and yellow food coloring; transfer to separate pastry bags fitted with a petal tip like [Wilton #104](#). Start by piping red feathers along the edge of a chocolate cupcake in a rainbow

shape. Repeat with orange and yellow frostings as shown. Stir a bit of cocoa powder into vanilla frosting and transfer to a pastry bag fitted with a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " round, plain tip to pipe the turkey's body and head. Place candy eyeballs on the turkey's face. Pipe wattle, beak and feet with red and orange frosting. Refrigerate to set, about 1 hour.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

#### A clogged memory

A plumber had installed a new toilet for a customer, but had yet to get paid. When he called and asked the customer why, she said, "The bill wasn't what you quoted." Confused, he responded, "But I didn't give you a quote." "Yes, you did," she answered. "When I asked what day you could come, you said you were free on Friday!"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

## Hit the shops!



Consider getting some of your holiday shopping done today—away from the crowds at the mall! It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit while helping local businesses thrive, notes Michael Bonebright, a consumer analyst with DealNews.com. "Check your local news and social media to find out about Small Business Saturday events in your area." Many retailers go all out, hosting holiday activities like caroling events, visits with Santa and more, he says. "Expect to score small freebies like gift wrapping and a free donut or coffee too!"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
TIE ONE ON DAY

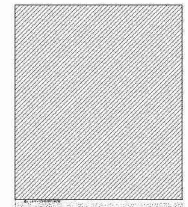
## Spread love!

Tying one on gets a whole new meaning on this heartwarming holiday! To celebrate, simply wrap an apron around a store-bought or homemade baked good (such as a loaf of bread or a batch of cookies) and tuck a kind note or prayer in the pocket. Then share the special gift with a friend, neighbor or someone in the community, like your mail carrier. Says holiday creator EllynAnne Geisel, "It has that 'feel good' on both sides."



### Got extra toiletries?

If you have travel-size shampoo, conditioner or deodorant to spare, send them to Packages From Home ([PackagesFromHome.org](http://PackagesFromHome.org)). The nonprofit organization will include the items in the weekly care packages they ship to troops that are deployed overseas. Mail donations to 5643 N. 52nd Ave., Glendale, AZ, 85301.



*with smiles!*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 NATIONAL LEFTOVERS DAY**

## Raise a glass!

Kick off the weekend with sangria using leftover wine from your Thanksgiving celebration!

**To mix up a delicious autumn sangria:** First, make a simple infused syrup by simmering ¼ cup of sugar, ¼ cup of water, 4 chopped fresh figs and a sprig of rosemary until flavors blend, about 5 minutes. Discard the rosemary, then puree and strain the syrup. In a large pitcher, stir 3 cups of red wine, 1 cup of brandy, ½ cup of cranberry juice, 2 sliced tart-sweet apples (like Honeycrisp), 3 cinnamon sticks and the syrup; chill for 4 hours. Add ice to each glass and top with sangria. Makes 6 drinks.

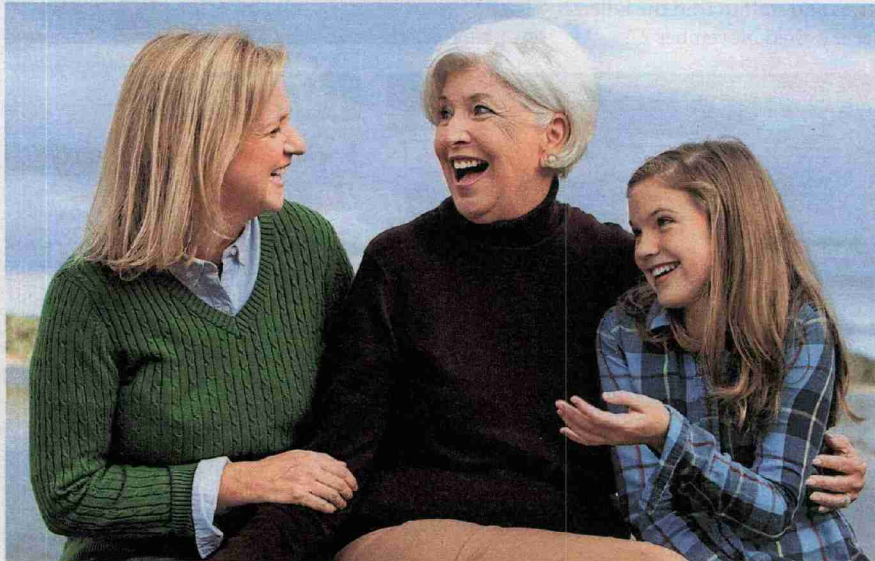


**NOVEMBER 24–NOVEMBER 30  
BETTER CONVERSATIONS WEEK**

## Strike up a chat!

This week is all about engaging in meaningful, enjoyable talk as we head into the holiday socializing season. The secret to better conversations at holiday events? Tilt your right ear toward the person you're speaking to—you'll be better able to hear and understand her, say researchers at Auburn University in Alabama. When they gave

subjects listening tests, including one where they had to pick out messages among an influx of sound, 83% of subjects performed better when favoring their right ear. The researchers say that, for most of us, the sounds we hear in the right ear travel more efficiently to the brain region that's responsible for processing and comprehension.



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