

# KNOW-HOW

✦ GLAM DECORATIONS ✦ FRESH FOOD ✦ CHRISTMAS TREES

## Christmas on your doorstep

Want to order it all online? Our experts choose the top sites to help you get Christmas sorted

### TREES, REAL AND FAKE

w&h Homes Editor EMMA MORTON-TURNER recommends:

#### [christmastree.org.uk](http://christmastree.org.uk)

The British Christmas Tree Growers Association suppliers have to fulfil strict green criteria (see Green Christmas, page 151). Log on to find your nearest retailer. Littledown Farm in Suffolk is one of the suppliers with a special offer ([littledownfarmchristmastrees.co.uk](http://littledownfarmchristmastrees.co.uk)). Order any tree and get a complimentary sack of potatoes, holly, a fir wreath, set of tree lights or dry flower arrangement. **TOP TIP** Save on the cleaning up with the needlefast Nordman Fir, from just £24 for a six-foot tree.

**DELIVERY** Depends on supplier.

**ORDER BEFORE** Depends on supplier.

#### [christmastreeland.co.uk](http://christmastreeland.co.uk)

Stockist of real and artificial trees, plus a large range of beautiful hand-painted baubles and garlands.

**TOP TIP** Opt for a three-foot, pot-grown Norway Spruce, £24, which you can plant outside then reuse next year.

**DELIVERY** Starts at £6.99 for next day.

**ORDER BEFORE** 22 December.



### YOUR CHRISTMAS, HAND DELIVERED

Whether you need help finding the perfect party outfit, designing a party menu or want to give your home a revamp in time for Christmas, John Lewis is offering a free concierge service with expert help in different areas from 3 November until 20 December. Call 08456-049049 for your nearest participating store. Sessions need to be booked in advance. >>

#### [wilkinsonplus.com](http://wilkinsonplus.com)

Artificial trees with fun, fashion styles if you want something really different without breaking the bank.

**TOP TIP** A traditional pre-lit tree costs £50 or get one in aubergine for £25.

**DELIVERY** £4.95.

**ORDER BEFORE** 18 December for deliveries no later than 22 December.

## BAUBLES AND MORE...

w&h Homes Stylist THEODA SOLMS ILES recommends:

### notonthehighstreet.com

Stock from independent retailers that you won't find elsewhere, including gift wrap and decorations.

**TOP TIP** Recycled driftwood Christmas trees, £49, are a pretty, eco option.

Gold pine cone wreaths, £25, are a great twist on the classic.

**DELIVERY** Five to seven days unless stated. Price depends on product.

**ORDER BEFORE** 20 December.

### christmastimeuk.com

Christmas decorations galore and Santa's sacks to store your gifts.

**TOP TIP** Browse by theme for sophisticated decorations, from £1.99 for a beaded bauble to £99.99 for a pack of 80 pieces.

**DELIVERY** £4.95 for orders under £20; next day £7.95 for orders over £20.

**ORDER BEFORE** 19 December.

### coxandcox.co.uk

Unique and stylish tree decorations, cookie cutters and pretty crackers filled with little gifts.

**TOP TIP** Get younger family members into the Christmas spirit with craft kits for paper chains, £6, and beaded star tree decorations, £12.

**DELIVERY** Standard delivery £5.95; next day £8.50.

**ORDER BEFORE** 17 December.

### bombki.co.uk

A huge selection of baubles that will make great heirlooms.

**TOP TIP** Little English Christmas set, £40 or £13 each, which includes a mince pie bauble.

**DELIVERY** From £4.50 within the UK, but can be delivered worldwide.

**ORDER BEFORE** 19 December.



## SWEET TREATS

w&h Food Editor

JANE CURRAN recommends:

### traditional-christmas-puddings.co.uk

Puddings made using 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and his 12 apostles.

**TOP TIP** Stocking-sized pudding, £2.99.

**DELIVERY** From £2.99.

**ORDER BEFORE** 18 December.

### megrivers.com

Handmade cakes, from £22.95, in varieties from marzipan-topped to classic iced.

**TOP TIP** The Party Pack, from £21.95, is a delicious selection of cakes and tray bakes.

**DELIVERY** £4.99 to the UK mainland.

**ORDER BEFORE** 12 December.

### cinnamonclovecakes.com

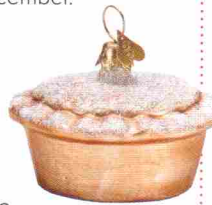
Allergy sufferers can still enjoy their treats with a range that is gluten, wheat and dairy-free.

**TOP TIP** A large round cake using fruit steeped in brandy costs £35.

**DELIVERY** From £7.

**ORDER BEFORE**

20 December.



## Light up your Christmas

### bombayduck.co.uk

Quirky, pretty products with a distinctly girly feel.

**TOP TIP** Fairy lights that look like satin baubles in fuchsia, purple or silver, £25.

**DELIVERY** Standard delivery £4.95. Order before 3pm for next day delivery, £9.50.

**ORDER BEFORE** 19 December or 23 December for Interlink next day delivery.

### lights4fun.co.uk

All kinds of indoor and outdoor lights, from simple strings to nets to illuminate outdoor trees and shrubs.

**TOP TIP** Icicle lights, from £18, to fix under the eaves.

**DELIVERY** £7.95 for orders under £200, otherwise free.

**ORDER BEFORE** 22 December.



## Cards and wrapping paper

### charitycards.co.uk

Individual and packs of seasonal cards, and giftwrap, with a percentage of proceeds going to charity.

**TOP TIP** Stock up on thank-you card packs, from £1.99 per pack of eight.

**DELIVERY** £1.50 for orders under £5, £1 for under £17.50, free for £17.50 and over.

**ORDER BEFORE** 19 December.

### papergrain.co.uk

Contemporary cards, note sets and stationery.

**TOP TIP** An eco-conscious collection of cards made from 100 per cent recycled materials.

**DELIVERY** £2.50 for orders over £25.

**ORDER BEFORE** 19 December.



## Drink and be merry

### majestic.co.uk

Stock up on festive essentials with a case – mixed if you like – delivered to your door.

**TOP TIP** Taittinger Brut Réserve NV, for Christmas toasts, £35.99.

**DELIVERY** Free to UK mainland.

**ORDER BEFORE** 15 December.

### bbr.com

A fantastic selection of wines and great advice.

**TOP TIP** The Drinks Party Pack, £56, with red wine, Champagne and nibbles.

**DELIVERY** Free over £200.

**ORDER BEFORE** 19 Dec.

### adnams.co.uk

Not just experts of beer, Adnams also sells a selection of over 500 different wines.

**TOP TIP** Try the Case Mixer service and let the professionals put together a selection of wines according to your taste and budget.

**DELIVERY** Free for orders over £125.

**ORDER BEFORE** 16 December.





## Festive food

[wellhungmeat.com](http://wellhungmeat.com)

Organic award-winning meat including turkey, pork, lamb and venison.

**TOP TIP** Save time with the Well Merry Christmas Box, £157, including a turkey, all the trimmings and a selection of sauces.

**DELIVERY** £8, vacuum-packed in insulated boxes for freshness.

**ORDER BEFORE** 8 December.

## [ableandcole.co.uk](http://ableandcole.co.uk)

Seasonal organic food sourced from over 120 British farmers and delivered to your door.

**TOP TIP** Pick the weekly family box with enough for four to five people, £23.50.

**DELIVERY** Free.

**ORDER BEFORE** Slots available two weeks in advance of delivery.

## [finecheese.co.uk](http://finecheese.co.uk)

Fantastic cheeses, from goats' to Cheddar, plus crackers and pickles.

**TOP TIP** British Supreme Champion Cheese Board with Tunworth, Stilton, quince jam and crackers, £36.

**DELIVERY** Minimum order £25, charge from £9.70.

**ORDER BEFORE** 16 Dec.



## [turnham-green.co.uk](http://turnham-green.co.uk)

Luxury hampers in jute bags stuffed with ethically sourced products.

**TOP TIP** The Bells and Baubles hamper with chocs, cake, wine and candles, £100.

**DELIVERY** Hampers £9.83 standard delivery in recycled packaging.

**ORDER BEFORE** 22 December.

## [sheepdroveshop.com](http://sheepdroveshop.com)

This award-winning organic mixed farm rears sheep, poultry, cattle and pigs.

**TOP TIP** Organic traditional Norfolk Bronze turkey with giblets, from £11.95 per kilo.

**DELIVERY** £10 for orders under £80.

**ORDER BEFORE** 12 December (though they usually sell out quickly) for delivery between 15 and 23 December.

## [formanandfield.com](http://formanandfield.com)

Specialist in fresh, traditional, British produce from independent producers.

**TOP TIP** Treat yourself to H Forman & Sons' Wild Smoked Salmon Collection, £37.95, including Scottish, Baltic and Alaskan varieties, with a mild London cure.

**DELIVERY** £8.95 to UK mainland.

**ORDER BEFORE** 10 December.



# STORAGE... AND CLEANING UP

## [aplaceforeverything.co.uk](http://aplaceforeverything.co.uk)

No matter what you want to pack away, there's a box, basket or caddy for it.

**TOP TIP** Stackable boxes and baskets make finding items easy, from £3 to £17 depending on size. Pack of two fairy light winders, £3.

**DELIVERY** £5.95.

**ORDER BEFORE** 23 December.



## [lakeland.co.uk](http://lakeland.co.uk)

Food containers, bags and labels galore.

**TOP TIP** Vintage-style fruit cake tin for a splash of colour, £11.99.

**DELIVERY** From £3.95 or free over £50.

**ORDER BEFORE** 17 December, standard; 22 December overnight delivery.

## [mollymaid.co.uk](http://mollymaid.co.uk)

With franchises throughout the UK, they'll clean your house from top to bottom, Monday to Friday. Gift vouchers can also be purchased from £50.

**TOP TIP** Check the website for no-nonsense expert tips on cleaning.

## Last ordering dates

# Supermarkets

### [waitrose.com](http://waitrose.com)

**DELIVERY:** £5 (minimum order £50), last delivery 24 December.

**ORDER BEFORE:** 23 December (slots available from October).

### [marksandspencer.com](http://marksandspencer.com)

**DELIVERY:** None – order online and collect in participating stores.

**ORDER BEFORE:** 22 December.

### [tesco.com](http://tesco.com)

**DELIVERY:** £3.50 to £6, depending on your time slot.

**ORDER BEFORE:** Up to three weeks prior to Christmas, last delivery 23 December.

### [sainsburys.com](http://sainsburys.com)

**DELIVERY:** £3.50 to £6, with the last delivery on 24 December.

**ORDER BEFORE:** 22 December. **w&h**