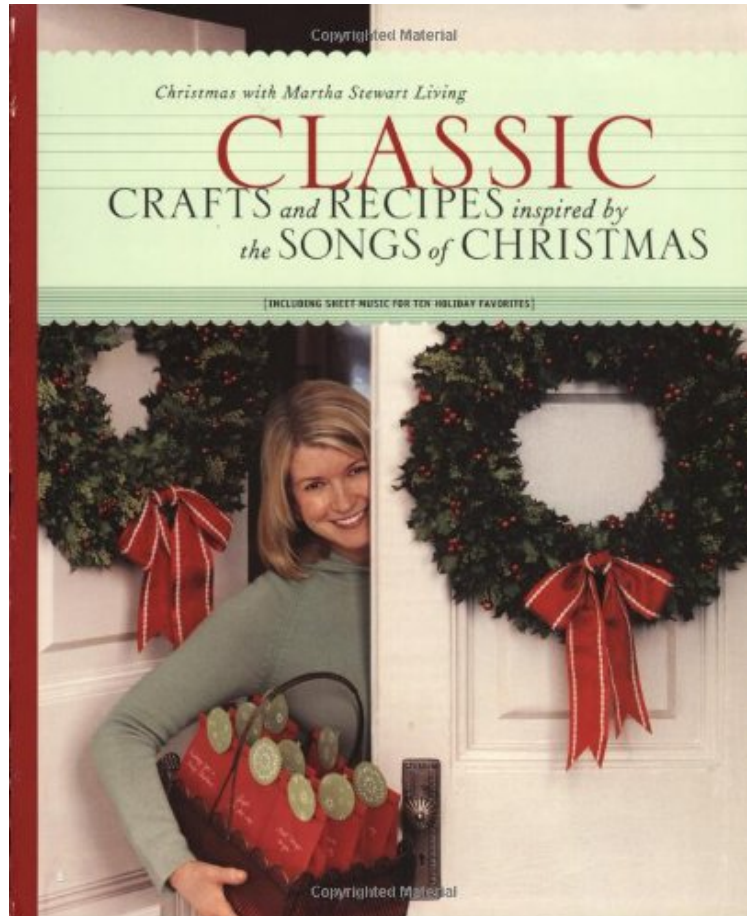


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Martha Stewart Living Magazine : Classic Crafts and Recipes Inspired by the Songs of Christmas before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Classic Crafts and Recipes Inspired by the Songs of Christmas:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. decking the halls, Martha style
By Alejandra Vernon
The beauty of this book is in the colors; celebrating the Christmas spirit with exquisite combinations of creamy winter whites, blues, and golden yellows. The ideas for ornaments, wreaths, and ingenious ways to wrap money as a gift, are not slap-dash "quickies", but designs for objects that would be kept and enjoyed for many seasons to come. Standouts include the gorgeous Damask stockings, made from vintage fabrics, the wonderful fruit wreath in warm pastels, and my favorite, the "Ladies dancing and lords a-leaping" strung across the fireplace. The recipes are sumptuous and shown in elegant settings, and very special is the sheet music that has the look of antique reproductions, of many familiar carols. In the back of the volume there are templates for the many craft objects in the book, making the construction of them simpler, though you will obviously need a scanner and printer if you want to vary the size of the items, and many look like one would want to enlarge them. As one would expect from Martha, the photography and layout is excellent, with

thick, glossy pages. Even if one does not follow the patterns or recipes to the letter, it is a good "idea" book, and its strength is its subtle color palette, used to great effect. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. You'll never fake your way through carols again!!! By Houdini-kid tested, mother approved. Though the piano music is not useful for me (don't have a piano), I like seeing the actual words to the Christmas songs, and believe their presentation in the book, with burnished corners and pretty fonts, greatly enhances the product. As for the crafts that go with these traditional songs, they are a joy to behold, and not all that difficult or time consuming to make. Martha's books are by far better a product than her "By Mail" or "Catalogue for Living" kits, so if you're interested in putting out some money to have beautifully elegant Christmas decorations like her own, go with the book and assemble your own materials. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great Christmas Book By A Customer I think this is such a great book if you're trying to decorate your home for Christmas without spending a fortune, which is important, especially when you're a young wife like me! (It takes a little more time to make stuff, but who really wants store-bought decorations anyway? It seems to mean more when you make it yourself.) Some of the recipes are a little tricky, but they look beautiful when they're done and are great for entertaining. The crafts are mostly very simple and fun. Fabulous book!

Amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the words and tunes of Christmas carols run through our heads, cheering us on and reminding us of the joys of celebrating with friends and family. These beloved songs are the theme for this book, a wonderful collection of craft, cooking, and decorating ideas. The fun starts with The Twelve Days of Christmas, a project based on the memorable gifts presented in the song. Deck the Halls focuses on using holly in unusual centerpieces and decorations. And whether they listen to Bing Crosby crooning in the background or create their own chorus, families will enjoy preparing a classic White Christmas aglow with white decorations and featuring white foods. As always, color photographs and clear directions make every project a joy to create.

About the Author Martha Stewart Living was first published in 1990. Since then, more than two dozen books have been published by the magazine's editors. Martha Stewart is the author of dozens of bestselling books on cooking, entertaining, gardening, weddings, and decorating. She is the host of The Martha Stewart Show, the popular daily syndicated television show.