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Dear Reader,

he oven - you can bake in it, roast in it, or use it to make mouth-watering dishes: in winter it radiates warmth, and, most importantly, it brings people together, which is undoubtedly the nicest thing about the festive season. After all, we all share the desire for feelings of security, belonging and tradition. The things we love and cherish lead to rituals that are looked forward to with keen anticipation. And as the temperatures fall, the frequency of these rituals rises. A warm oven, a hearth, candlelight or in our case, even a barbecue, become the focal point during the colder months. We discovered one particularly unusual custom with the chefs from Root Amp Kitchen in Hamburg. Three men trudge to a quaint cottage in the Swiss Alps to come up with some creative culinary ideas. What's in their luggage? An XXL barbecue, Tomahawk steaks, rock 'n' roll, Scotch whisky and a keen desire to explore new flavours.

A completely different ritual is practised by Lena, Klara and Nora as soon as Advent begins. And whatever makes children's eyes light up is guaranteed to warm the hearts of adults, too. Their favourite pieces from the Villeroy & Boch Christmas collection form an indispensable part of the family tradition. We joined the three of them to nibble and dream. After such delicious biscuits, a mouth-watering dinner

draws us back to the oven. Actress Nadeshda Brennicke follows a New Year's Eve custom that combines deep-rooted traditions with glamour and captured our hearts. Her high-class dining in a hay barn with family and friends is a tribute to everything that matters in life. She proves that table culture can embrace both modernity and tradition.

At *friends*, we too uphold our own traditions. We invited hat designer Fiona Bennett to take inspiration from the Villeroy& Boch designs. The result is porcelain couture with flair. So why not combine your own traditions and rituals with some new ideas, this issue is full them! Perhaps you'd like to replace the usual festive biscuits with some delicious, home-made bread based on Malin Elmlid's favourite recipe.

We love tradition, but we also enjoy being inspired by new innovation. And if you're still left wanting more after reading this issue, snuggle up in front of the stove or fireplace and visit www.villerovboch.com/friends26 to discover our online specials.

The friends team wishes you a wonderful, traditional and heart-warming festive season!

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There's nothing nicer than giving the gift of happiness, which is why every issue of friends includes lots of fantastic gift ideas - either to make at home or choose from our collections. Simply look out for the gift symbol throughout the magazine for brilliant inspiration, such as our Christmas ideas for every style on page 26.



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Wow! Well, they do say that coffee goes to the head! The way in which the Berlin-based milliner uses the 'La Classica Nuova' teacup and matchi saucer to create a floating coffee cup complete with petit four,

Cup and saucer: 'La Classica Nuova Coffee spoon: 'Neufaden-Merlemont Dress: Kaviar Gauche 'Duchesse'



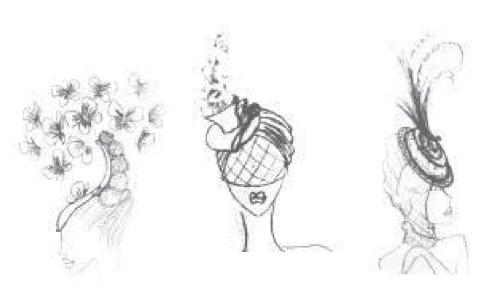
THE WOMAN TAKING HOLLYWOOD BY STORM

It's hardly surprising that England, with its quirky sense of humour and annual parade of extravagant hats at Royal Ascot, is also the birthplace of FIONA BENNETT. Since moving to Berlin in the 1970s, the milliner has made her mark on headwear fashion like no other - and not just in the German capital, but around the entire globe. After all, her client list already features half of Hollywood, including KATIE HOLMES, BRAD PITT AND ASHTON KUTCHER. Bennett's creations, which take days of intricate manual work, range from trusty companions like the classic felt cap to breathtaking, unique designs that have graced the cover of Vogue and other fashion magazines, and others that make regular appearances as accessories on the stage or television

Together with her team in the 'glass studio' in Berlin's Potsdamer Strasse, Bennett produces around 90 models every month. As three-dimensional sculptures, the couture hats sometimes tower high above the head and tend to be made of beads, tulle, felt or feathers - until now. The milliner, whose biography 'Vom Locken der Federn' was published by Knesebeck Verlag in 2013 and whose all-time favourite hat for herself features a swooping bird, agreed to try her hand at headwear made of porcelain for Villeroy& Boch. "A completely new challenge" she exclaimed. **

For more on the creation of these exceptional couture hats, visit: $\underline{WWW.VILLEROYBOCH.COM/PORCELAINCOUTURE}$

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LOOK AT ME!



NEO FLORA

FRESHLY PICKED: THE NEW 'ROSE COTTAGE' AND 'FLOREANA' COLLECTIONS

You don't need to look to international catwalks to see that the hottest trend for autumn/winter 2015/16 is pastel. Combine this with the new nostalgia trend, and modern table culture and home decoration blossom, inviting us to dream of spring.

Embrace the new bloom.





FLORAL FRESHNESS

Bringing a classic design into the present is a hot topic when it comes to modern living. 'Floreana' brings a fresh coolness and a youthful vivacity to modern, laid-back styles. The design has a refreshingly subtle effect. Rather than pushing into the limelight, the pretty watercolours in light blue, green and red quietly exude a discreet charm. Those who like variety are in for a treat, too – the design is also available in plain white, and is called 'For Me'. This allows the perfect mix of floral freshness and sleek purism.

← CASUAL COTTAGE CHARM

A new take on British chic. This collection carries echoes of country charm and pink roses wildly climbing a stone wall. Nevertheless, its uncomplicated character offers so much more: a style that brings a new touch, especially to cool living spaces. How? Easy – combined with the bright, floral patterns, the minimalistic shape creates a striking contrast.





CREATIVE SUGGESTION

One of our current loves is old furniture in a fresh grey tone.
Just give it two coats of paint and voilà – a new look to fall in love with.

GIFT IDEAS

1... LAMP: 'Workshop Lamp' in weathered copper by Made by Hand. 2... GLASS: 'Dressed Up', water glass, Rhombus, light green, 105 mm. 3... PLATE: 'Rose Cottage', dessert plate, blue, 22 cm. 4... PLATE: 'Floreana Blue', dessert plate, 21.5 cm. 5... GLASS: 'Dressed Up'. water glass, quad smoke, 105 mm. 6... TEA CUP AND SAUCER: 'Floreana Red', tea cup and saucer 14 cm. 7... GLASS: 'Dressed Up', water glass, dots, rose 105 mm. 8... CHAIR: 'Walker rosé', available from grafinteriors.de 9... CABINET: 'Kabinett Ulme', available from www.das-tropenhaus.de 10... WATER-ING CAN: 'Plant' available from www.westwingnow.de 11... STOOL: 'Have a Seat', available from www.emilundpaula.de 12... MUG: 'Rose Cottage', mug, green, 0,351 13... VASE: 'Verso', Caribbean sea, 380 mm 14... CAKE SLICE: 'Rose Cottage', 26.5x7x3.7 cm 15... CUSHION: 'Kelim Cushion, Semicircle' available from www.connox.de



INGREDIENTS FRUITY, NUTTY, HEARTY, GOOD! 300 g rye flour (dark) 400 g wheat flour his bread needs nothing nore than a little dab of fresh, salted butter. 1 packet dry yeast 1 packet yeast extract (15 g) 100 g walnuts 50 g dried cranberries Some coarse rye meal for coating **PREPARATION** Mix the two flours in a bowl with 1 tbsp sugar, 2 tsp salt, the dry yeast and the yeast extract. Pour in 450 - 500 ml lukewarm water and knead by hand for approx. 7 minutes until a smooth dough is formed. Cover and leave for proofing in a warm place for approx. 45 minutes. Peel the onion and finely dice. Heat the oil in a pan. Add the onion and sauté. Sprinkle over 1 level tsp of sugar and stir until caramelised and golden brown. Remove from the heat and leave to cool briefly. Coarsely chop the walnuts. Knead the onion, walnuts and cranberries into the dough. Form a round loaf shape. Coat the loaf in a little rye meal. Sprinkle some water onto a baking tray. Place some baking paper on top and sprinkle a little water on it. Place the bread on top. Leave to rise for approx. Pre-heat the oven (electric oven: 250°C / fan oven: 225°C / gas: see manufacturer's instructions). Make a cut in the bread with a sharp knife. Bake in a hot oven for approx. 15 minutes. Then, turn the oven heat down (electric oven: 200°C / fan oven: 175°C / Gas: see manufacturer's instructions) and bake for another 15 – 20 minutes. Leave the bread to cool. More recipes at: www.villeroyboch.com/temptingbread **READY, STEADY, GO!**

Bread: an old love rediscovered

LOW CARB WAS SO YESTERDAY: NOW, FROM NEW YORK TO BERLIN, BREAD IS FINALLY THE UPPER CRUST AGAIN.
PLUS: FANTASTIC RECIPE IDEAS TO TRY AT HOME.

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rom the light, Italian ciabatta and the crispy French baguettes to the world-renowned German varieties, such as nutritious multigrain bread or hearty farmhouse bread, there is nothing as nationally diverse, yet so unanimously loved, as bread. Nevertheless, good old bread, which was first baked 6,000 years ago in Egypt, hasn't had an easy time in recent years. Once the bedrock of our diet - a reliable source of iron, calcium and magnesium - it suddenly fell from favour, driven out by an army of gluten-free and low-carb diets. Those who reached for the bread basket while eating a salad, or made a quick sandwich in the morning instead of eating a bowl of fruit, were suddenly swimming against the tide. High time for a pro-grain movement, not just in Germany, where over 200 grams of bread are still eaten per person every day, but around the world. An increasing number of new, artisanal bakeries have sprung up as an alternative to the factory produced supermarket loaves. Indeed the more progressive supermarkets have also caught onto this trend.

The new, traditional breadmakers

'Zeit für Brot' is a prime example of this movement. Located in Berlin's hip Mitte district, the organic bakery is frequented by business people, tourists and families alike. The bakehouse is open to view, as the kitchens often are in an expensive Michelin restaurant. Whatever comes out of the oven appears on the shelves in seconds: fresh rye bread and farmhouse loaves, sweet, sugary cinnamon buns and an ample selection of filled sandwiches. The dough used is not industrially produced, but made completely by hand. This quality is easy to taste and smell, often well out onto the street where the queue of customers at 'Zeit für Brot' weaves out of the door, leaving a wide escape route for the deliciously intense aroma. Across the Atlantic, one man certainly knows how to attract the figure-conscious to his bakery. Maybe because, compared to the conventional processed loaves, the bread he bakes there tastes divine. Manhattan's bread pioneer is Jim Lahey. His passion for bread was awakened on a visit to 'bella Italia'. The thick crust that crunches when you bite it, the hearty, sweet wheat dough inside a good Italian ciabatta - the American made sure he packed the secrets of its production in his suitcase when he returned to New York. There are now two branches of the Sullivan Street Bakery. Nevertheless, Lahey has

also made a name for himself with the 'no knead' bread-making method. Based on his recipe, a good loaf of bread needs nothing more than flour, water, salt, a little yeast – and one night to rise. Bread thus becomes 'slow food'.

The renaissance of home-baked bread

At a time when cooking and baking have become increasingly popular, traditional bread baking is attracting more and more enthusiasts. The reason is obvious: warm bread with fresh butter melting on top is a delight. And there's no need to have your own bread machine.

A pre-heated oven and a fireproof dish, such as a clay pot or cast iron roasting pan, will suffice. Baking bread yourself not only means you know exactly what is in the dough, but also gives you free rein over what ingredients to add. Nuts, seeds, grains, dried fruits and vegetables add a special touch to your loaf. Replacing water with vegetable juice also gives the dough a fantastic colour and a great taste.



Anyone who has ever made bread themselves knows how easy it is.

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CRISPY SOURDOUGH BREAD

INGREDIENTS

2 tsp salt 500 g rye flour (dark) 10 g fresh yeast

200 ml malt beer 200 g rye flour (dark) Flour for dusting

PREPARATION

1. At least 5 days before: mix 40 g flour and 30 ml lukewarm water in a large bowl. The leaven should have the approximate consistency of waffle dough. Cover the bowl with a lid or cling film. Leave at room temperature for approx. 12 hours. After 12 hours, small bubbles will have formed on the surface of the leaven and it will smell slightly sour. Briefly stir the leaven

2. After a further 12 hours, add another 40 g flour and 30 ml lukewarm water. Alternate these mixing and stirring procedures every 12 hours for five days. The prepared sour-dough can be stored in the fridge for as long as required. It only needs to be fed and watered regularly.

3. For the rye sourdough bread: Add the salt and rye flour to a bowl. Crumble in the yeast. Rub the yeast and a little flour with your hands. **4.** Add the leaven and malt beer. Use the dough hook of a mixer (it's even easier with a food processor) to knead it into a wet, sticky dough. Dust with flour and leave to rise in a warm place for approx. 1 hour. Line a baking tray with

5. Knead the dough on a floured worktop. Shape into a round loaf. Place on the baking tray. Leave to rise again for approx. 1 hour. Pre-heat the oven (electric oven: 225 °C / fan oven: 200 °C / gas: see manufacturer's instructions). Put the bread in the oven. Spray the walls of the oven with water. Bake the bread for approx. 15 minutes.

Turn the oven temperature down (electric oven: 175°C / fan oven: 150°C / gas: see manufacturer's instructions) and bake for another 40 - 45 minutes. Suggestion: simply tap the bottom of the bread. If it sounds hollow, the bread can be removed from the oven. Leave to cool on a wire rack.



Globe-trotting loaves

Someone who relishes the variety of bread down to the very last crumb is Malin Elmlid. And it wasn't by chance that the Berlin fashion circle opted to serve Elmlid's pretty slices in black with edible ash and golden yellow saffron as cool catering during the Fashion Week. The blonde Swede, who lives in Berlin, has also written a book on her beloved bread, and has even modelled in an international fashion campaign by Esprit. However, one thing she has never had is her own bakery. Elmlid rose to fame through her Bread Exchange website. On it, she offers her home-made sourdough bread - a real rarity without yeast - in exchange for a gift, such as a jar of jam or a favourite book, and it's open to people all over the world. Malin Elmlid says, "I can't imagine anything better than giving the people you love a home-made loaf of bread." No one else can either. After all, as soon as Elmlid advertises new bread on her blog, it is snapped up in an instant.

Trendy tradition

There's a good reason why bread has found its way back into kitchen cupboards all over the world. What's on the menu is also shaped by the zeitgeist. And at the moment, tradition is at the forefront. After all, while we are becoming increasingly mobile and have state-of-the-art technology at our hands, we also yearn for the simple basics. This not only applies to our diet, but also to what we surround ourselves and our food with. And as the humble loaf gradually makes its way back into our bread bins, our desire for tableware with simplistic designs, artisanal perfection and natural materials grows. Artesano Original unites this call for a return to basics with a modern design, and is just as irresistible as a good loaf of bread. 💥





75 g hazelnuts

1 - 2 tbsp wheat bran for scattering in tin

3 tbsp each of sunflower seeds and flax seeds to sprinkle on top Preparation

PREPARATION

1. Mix together the almonds, flaxseed, wheat bran, flour, baking powder and salt. Add the quark and egg whites and mix into a smooth dough using the dough hook of a hand mixer. Fold in the hazelnuts. 2. Brush a bread tin (10 x 30 cm) with water and spread wheat bran inside. Line the base of the tin with baking paper. Pour the dough into the tin and sprinkle over the sunflower seeds and flaxseed. Bake in a preheated oven (electric oven: 175°C / fan oven: 150°C / gas: gas mark 2) for approx. 60 minutes.

3. Leave the bread to cool in the tin for approx. 10 minutes, then loosen the edges and carefully turn out onto a wire rack. Leave to cool.



THE BREAD

EXCHANGE Malin Elmlid gathered her inspiration for her sourdough bread and many other typical recipes from a total of twelve countries, from California to Afghanistan. Enjoy this culinary trip around the world. The Bread Exchange,



More at: thebreadexchange.com

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So simple, so good:

'Artesano Original':

serving dish, 27 cm,

antipasti bowl, small

'Artesano Tavola Accessories

side plate, 16 cm,

oil bottle, 201 mm.





Freshly grated horseradish

TRICKS OF THE TRADE FOLLOW THESE TIPS. THEN IT'LL BE RIGHT EVERY TIME.



GOOD PREPARATION (1)

"When marinading, storing in the fridge and transporting, bowls and lids in all sizes (e.g. from the Cooking Elements range) make sure you keep your cool before the big show. Oil is perfect for transmitting the flavour of the fresh marinade ingredients to the meat, but it should be drained or dabbed before barbecuing"

AROMATIC MAGIC (2)

"Only brush the grate with oil. If you add oil to the meat, it will end up dripping onto the coals. No one needs that! Those who love a really good flavour can sprinkle some fresh herbs onto the coals.





EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.

It is best to stand at a distance of 40 cm from the grill when the going gets hot on the barbecue.

Barbecue tongs, brushes and forks are an essential part of the professional barbecue equipment in the Villeroy&Boch BBQ range.

Put them in some water first to stop them from burning too quickly. Or work with wood chips, like hickory, for instance.

Wet them, throw them onto the coals and put the lid on. This gives the meat an amazing lumberjack flavour."

SEASON LIKE THE EXPERTS (3)

The spices for the barbie are freshly ground by Stefan in the mortar. "Stick all of the spices in a small pan and roast on the barbecue until they crackle. This releases the essential oils. Then mix them in the mortar with some sea salt – nothing beats it! It's always best to grind the spice mixes just before use. If you store them, the flavour weakens."

And when should the meat be seasoned before or after cooking? "Always season afterwards. You can season raw meat with salt, too, but if you love the crunch of coarse sea salt, keep it for afterwards."

Next on are the lamb chops

Next on are the lamb chops.



ALWAYS GRIND FRESH.
The Cooking Elements mortar is perfect for creating new taste sensations. Grind all of the spices with sea salt for 100% flavour every time you barbecue.



THE NEW DINING EXPERIENCE: FUN AND STYLISH!

Raik has the 'big boss' completely under control. "The biggest plate for the grandest dish, please!" It smells irresistible. "Spot on! These are proper plates. Perfect for every appetite." They set about planning their next flavour explosion. But what about garnishing? "Barbecues need no garnish. The most important things are good ingredients, and good plates. After all, people often eat with their hands, standing up, or wherever they feel like. These steak platters are really easy to hold. They're great for serving and eating from. They're the business!" The serving plate impresses the barbecue-meister, too. "Look, the juices just drip off, the meat isn't lying in it and stays just the way it should be!"

So what makes a cool barbecue party? "Any one we're cooking at!" Raik grabs a plate and spins it promisingly in his hands. "Seriously, though, eating always brings people together. Regardless of who and where. Here, we're all the same. A good chat. Some good food. It somehow unites people. Sitting at a table is much more formal. Barbecuing is laid-back. Get a plate, put some tasty food on it, share it out, give it a try and scoff the lot!" And with that, Torsten serves up his home-made wild boar sausage. "Star anise and cranberries in a sausage." He proudly announces, "My 2015 rock 'n' roll interpretation." No time for applause, however, since the encore is already in a grill pan being warmed on the barbecue.





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The thermometer has sunk to well below zero, and while the Monolith barbecue has been churning out food and heat outside, the final tune of the evening is now being played around the fireplace. The boys finish off the hearty barbecued kebabs, sipping some smooth Scotch. There's something about barbecuing that always makes men happy. Even in the depths of winter, high up in the Alps.



How BEST to SAVOUR the FLAVOUR



"The right glass is crucial when it comes to the whisky aroma," explains Chris Rickert from Hansemalt. "It should taper at the top in order to preserve the wonderful aroma and have

a thin glass rim. Those who drink it on the rocks, however, can go for a large, glass tumbler with straight sides."

Whisky events, seminars and tastings are currently all the rage. For more whisky inspiration visit www.hansemalt.de

You can find the complete range of whisky glasses and decanters at your Villeroy & Boch retail store. As well as the new BBQ range, too.

GLASSWARE

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DECANTERS





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215 mm





No. 3 Tumbler 115 mr



Bourbon Double Old

BOURBON



Scotch Whisky - Decanters Whisky Decanter No. 3 Highball Tumbler 155 mm

Scotch Whisky - Decant Whisky Decanter No. 1

WITH CINNAMON, NUTS AND ICING SUGAR

When it's cold and dark outside, we heat up the oven inside. To 180 °C, to be precise. This is what makes our biscuits so tasty. We pull dishes and bowls out from the cupboards, fetch the cutters, find the rolling pin and busy ourselves with putting up the Christmas decorations.

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here are the candles? Where are the little
But wait! Slow down! Anyone can throw ingredients toporcelain baubles? Is that enough butter?

to get her hands in the dough so that she can start eating it before it even has the chance to become a biscuit. Delicious! Klara wants stars, Nora wants moons with pink sugar icing and mum Lena is hoping to make little ready to go.

gether and bake them. But in our kitchen, things should Today, we're baking! Today, we're decorabe different to outside, where everyone is scurrying around with so much more to do than in November. Little Nora is bursting with excitement, and can't wait Advent is a time for taking things slowly. So we have a rummage through the spice drawer and discover vanilla, cinnamon, coriander, cardamom and anise. Mum tells us the story of cinnamon in a fairytale about King Arun of Sri Lanka, who always stirred his cocoa with bark from gingerbread houses. Flour, eggs, butter, sugar and we're a cinnamon tree, and thus discovered the flavour of cin-





PERFECT FOR DECORATING THE WHOLE HOUSE.. the candleholders from the 'Nostalgic Light' range guarantee atmospheric lighting during Advent. The snowman in particular has enchanted the kids.

.. AND FOR HANGING ON YOUR DOORS The decorations from the 'Nostalgic Ornaments' and 'Winter Bakery' ranges make charming eye-catchers on doors, the tree and gifts alike.









Christmas baker Nora waits to arrange her mum's decorated biscuits on the 'Winter Bakery Delight' mini serving stand. And if there are more biscuits than expected, she'll just have to fetch







MINI GINGERBREAD HOUSES ON A FOOTED BOWL

INGREDIENTS

200 g honey

75 g butter

100 g sugar 1 egg

½ packet gingerbread spice

½ pinch salt 400 g flour

2 tsp baking powder

15 g cocoa Icing sugar for gluing

Paper, pen, ruler for templates (These can be downloaded from

www.villeroyboch.com/christmasbaking.)

PREPARATION

The 'Retro Accessories' range by

stage for our mini gingerbread houses. Footed bowl no. 1.

Villeroy & Boch offers an excellent

1. Melt the butter, sugar and honey in a pan until the sugar is no longer visible. Leave the sweet mixture to cool before stirring in the egg and spices. Now mix the flour, baking powder and cocoa together with two thirds of the sweet honey mixture and knead the rest into the dough with your hands. The dough can now be rolled out. It is important to dust the work surface with flour beforehand, since the dough is very sticky due to the large amount of honey.

2. Take your templates and use them to cut out the roofs and

side walls for your mini gingerbread houses.

3. The parts can now be baked at 150 °C for max. 8 minutes. Leave the gingerbread to cool and mix the icing sugar and water into a thick, sticky paste. You can now build your little houses. We recommend waiting until the icing sugar glue has





She's really good at telling stories. We light a couple of candles, make some headbands from Christmas garlands and decorate our Advent wreath with porcelain baubles and stars. Gradually, the whole flat begins to smell of oranges, cinnamon and cocoa, and the hustle and bustle outside the window drifts far away. When the story ends, we knead our first dough together and talk about school and nursery. Mum listens to us and we cut out moon, angel, star and bell shapes. Klara fetches the nutcracker so we can crack a few nuts while Mum prepares the gingerbread dough. We keep every second nut for our biscuits as they are brilliant for decorating. We listen to some Christmas stories by Astrid Lindgren. Sometimes, all three of us say the words together as we already know the stories off by heart. Then we all laugh. Today, our home feels like a soft, warm blanket. The candles are burning, it smells lovely and everything twinkles. Nora is the first to fall asleep on the sofa.

Hello Advent! We bid you welcome.



ONCE UPON A TIME ...

Our 2015 Christmas mug features seven dwarves dancing in a circle, since the story of Snow White is the theme for this year's intricate designs. Discover our 2015 annual dish and mug, along with the complete 'Annual Christmas Edition' range. Magical!

branches in our online shop.



LIGHT THE CANDLE AND LET THE WINDOWS GLOW!

We love the cosy atmosphere of warm candlelight, and have developed many Christmas candleholders over the years. Discover our ranges 'Christmas Toys Memory', 'Christmas Light', 'Nostalgic Light' and 'Fairytale Park' and let your imagination run free.

> Products: 'Mini Christmas Village' Gingerbread House tea light holder

> > 'Toy's Delight' Serving stand, 33 cm



BISCUITS SHOWCASE

The 'Toy's Delight' serving stand has enough space for plenty. Its three surfaces are the perfect stage for all kinds of biscuits. Below: cookies for the kids and on top: those for the adults.



HOME-MADE **CINNAMON STARS.** How long will they last

in the Toy's Delight milk jug? Nora doesn't think they'll be around for long and starts nibbling at them right away .. Decorations: 'NewModern Christmas sugar bowl: 'Toy's Delight'.



BAKING & GIVING

LITTLE NIBBLER,

pretty to eat.

BISCUITS AT LAST!!! On second thoughts, they're much too







JALA DINNER

HIGH-CLASS DINING IN THE HAY!

IN THE BARN

When actress Nadeshda Brennicke celebrates New Year, two lifestyles come together – her down-to-earth approach and movie star glamour.

ew Year's Eve is always something special. Falling between Christmas and the start of a new year, it represents a celebration of the past year and hopes for the new. What is your New Year's wish? On the way to Nadeshda Brennicke's estate, there's plenty of time to think about it. The film and television actress lives with her son just under an hour away from Berlin on a small stud farm, which she has gradually built up over the past eight years.

In 2014, she had a lot on her plate. Her film Banklady was an international success. In Australia, Chicago and Belgium, she received awards for her portrayal of Gisela Werler who, in the 1960s, robbed 19 banks together with her husband before the two were finally caught. "As well as playing the main role in the film, I was involved in its production and also took care of the marketing. It was a huge amount of work. So it makes me even happier that the film aroused so much interest outside of Germany."

HARMONIOUS, SLEEK AND ELEGANT:

The table is festively set with 'La Classica Contura'. Nadeshda adds white and pink flowers, gold balloons and fairy lights. Whatever takes her fancy. Illuminated letters give Nadeshda's table an eye-catching modern twist.

HIGH FASHION:

Tonight, Nadeshda is wearing Marcell von Berlin. The fashion label by designers Marcel and Mark Oliver is famous for its avant-garde designs in luxurious fabrics. She has been a firm friend of the two designers behind the brand for many years.

WELCOME!

Nadeshda greets her friends with champagne, prosecco with Blythe rose syrup and a rosé cremant. A range of creative canapés accompanies the drinks: blinis with truffled courgette and carrot, crayfish cocktail in sesame wafers, lobscouse de-luxe and mini doughnuts with plum jam filling, topped with icing. The white flowers, stars and vases are highlighted with fluorescent-coloured ribbons. Tableware: 'La Classica Contura'; Glasses: champagne flutes (left) 'Grand Royal', champagne flutes (right) 'Octavie', footed







SPARKLING:

The intricate hand-cut glasses in the Grand Royal range refract light all the way round, creating an extra special atmosphere at the table. Their subtle vintage look gives the champagne flutes, water glasses and red wine goblets a touch of glamour.

Left: 'La Classica Contura' serving dish



we open the huge, wooden door, we are overcome by the beauty and magnificence of this old building. Through the gables, moonlight falls gently a lot into them, since true friends are rare and on a 10 metre long, festively decorated table. should be treasured." its very own special magic. But how does one really powerful. In the fire pit, we burn symbolic come up with such an unusual setting? "I love things that we want to say goodbye to. This table decoration, for instance, is typical of my Here at the farm, the new year begins in style and style. I love arranging delicate and stylish pieces peace. Don't miss the next issue of *friends* to find in places you wouldn't expect them, such as out how Nadeshda Brennicke spends her sumbeautiful porcelain and a glamorous table setmers here, and how she got into horse breeding. ting in a rustic barn. Of course, it doesn't have to be a barn. Opposites can also be combined in other environments, often to amazing effect. I love experimenting. The most important thing, however, is that my guests feel comfortable." Nadeshda's guests sample the canapés and, of

As we arrive, the sky is lit up with a blanket of course, the New Year doughnuts, which promise stars. The whole farm lies in darkness - apart good luck for the coming year. As hostess, she from the 15 metre high barn. Warm light, voices puts great emphasis on glamour and style. Far and soft music drift from it. An unusual place for away from everyday life, she wants her friends New Year's Eve dinner with friends. As soon as to enjoy themselves in these unique and lovingly decorated surroundings.

"Friendships are very, very important to me. I put

There is a smell of fresh hay and fairy lights After enjoying a divine 3 course meal, everyone shimmer everywhere, immersing the whole scene heads outside to gather round the fire. This ritual in a sea of light. The fusion of sophisticated is a regular feature of Nadeshda Brennicke's New decoration, fine tableware and simple beauty has Year's Eve celebrations. "Rituals are something surprises, particularly contrasts. I don't follow means we leave all the old behind us and can any trends but instead rely on my intuition. The welcome in the new year with a clear, free mind."



had special Sunday tableware in our house. We only ever used it for special occasions. Nowadays my attitude is why should such beautiful pieces only get to grace the table so rarely? That's why 'La Classica Contura' can often be seen on our table at breakfast too."





CLASSICAL ELEGANCE: The elegant lines of this design gently guide our eyes to what is important: the food.

> Served on the 'La Classica Contura' serving dish, the carrot and parsnip terrine with fried scallops and parsnip crisps is a real show-stopper. The veal fillet with walnut and parsley crust on morel cream with potato and pumpkin au gratin is perfectly served on the dinner plate.

You can find all of the recipes for Nadeshda Brennicke's 3 course New Year's Eve menu at: www.villeroyboch.com/dreamgala



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