

MARTHA STEWART Living

Sharing the 'Good Things'

we're sweet on...

Warm Winter Desserts, BISTRO-STYLE DINNERS,
SHORTBREADS, DESSERT WINES, Easy Orchids,
Must-Have Collectibles
plus: MARTHA'S HANDMADE VALENTINES



Hot chocolate with
marshmallow hearts and
pecan linzer cookies



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Good things



changeable place mats

Have lovely wrapping paper left over? A partial roll of wallpaper? Slide the decorative pieces underneath precut Plexiglas sheets and you'll get place mats that can be changed on a whim—to set off table linens or celebrate a holiday. Photographs, magazine clippings, or handwritten notes also make terrific table art. Buy the clear sheets (normally used for framing) at hardware stores; 11 by 14 inches is a good size. Cleanup is a snap; wipe the Plexiglas with a damp cloth.



TWO APPLIANCES IN ONE

Let the blender contribute to your morning cup. Coarsely *ground coffee*—perfect for a French press—can be had by *whirling the beans in a blender*.



time to get cracking

When a recipe calls for freshly cracked pepper (a must-have for delectable steak au poivre), you can't rely on your mill; the pepper it yields is usually too fine to provide the right texture and flavor. The tool for the job is a heavy skillet: Spread out the peppercorns on a cutting board, and press the pan over them firmly, repeating until the shells split and rough pieces form.

