

WISDOMTOOTH

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Tis the time for **CHRISTMAS**

Although there is no chance of ever having a white Christmas in Bangladesh like we see in Hollywood films, it does not mean the cheer and joy cannot be had here too. Like all other festivals here, it is, and can be celebrated with the warmth of loved ones coming together and sharing each other's joy.



The easiest thing to do to bring the joy home is to do a thorough clean up of the house and bring in fresh flower blooms. The nurseries at this time are full of colourful and some fragrant winter blooms like petunias and dantas, ground winter lillies, cosmos and of course, the evergreens. Nothing like fresh blooms to usher in the



joy of holidays. Hang some up as wreaths, put others in vases, and best of all, bring some into pots to nurture for the rest of the year! As most schools break for the winter, Christmas is the perfect excuse to snuggle up on the couch with blankets, snacks on the table, and some cheerful movies on the telly with the entire family.

Cult classics like Home Alone or A Charlie Brown Christmas rarely fail to entertain entire families with kids and all. For the rest, there are Netflix offerings and sappy happy movies about Christmas in small towns and romance with Keanu Reeves or the tried and tested Love Actually. The superhero or LOTR and Harry Potter marathons sound great too, no? What about when guests come over? Pop a packet of popcorn in the oven, and quickly whip up a hot chocolate with marshmallow on top. Or a banana/strawberry milkshake, and some wings and potato wedges or cheese fritters too. Stocking up on cookies is

a must for Christmas. Keep some goodies bags ready for the various guests you expect for Christmas; it would make for a lovely surprise. Colour theme the ones for ladies, gents and children (teens and toddlers). Some chocolate, a small packet of cookies or candy, a cute mug or a toy, a couple of hair scrunchies or themed socks—the options are endless, and quite easy, to put a smile on a loved one's face. Merry Christmas, everyone.

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