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TURN THE PAGE FOR GAYLE KING'S
NIFTY, GIFTY HOLIDAY TRADITIONS... 

MIRACLE ON YOUR STREET

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus—and the elves at card company Mr. Boddington's Studio are here to help parents prove it. Have your child use its **jolly stationery kit** to draft a letter. Pop it in the mail by December 15, and come Christmas, the post office will deliver a handwritten response from the big guy himself. (mrboaddington.com)

FROM AWWW TO AWESOME



SPECIES PIECES

If you're ready to let your slope style run wild: These fleece-lined ski masks are printed with **hyperrealistic animal faces**—cat, koala, orangutan, and more—to help you stand out from the pack. (beardo.com)

THE ART OF TRAVEL

Planning a trip? Get inspired with *Destination Art*, a guidebook featuring **500 travelworthy works**—a Janet Echelman sculpture in Arizona (left), a James Turrell installation in Argentina—all in situ, meaning they're not coming to your local museum anytime soon. Away you go!

Five things we're smiling about this month!

The Gratitude Meter

BY Melissa Goldberg

LAUGHING MATTER

Do your happy dance. It's been 15 years since **Ellen DeGeneres** performed a stand-up special, but that changes December 18 when *Relatable* debuts on Netflix. We're ready for LOL moments and (fingers crossed) some funky footwork.

SCROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE

Do you hear that? It's the sound of family photo albums being dusted off, and that's thanks to **@SaveFamilyPhotos**, a platform where folks post old pictures and share the sweet, silly, sentimental stories behind them.

CREATURE COMFORTS



PAW HUMBUG

Four ways to keep your pet's end-of-year revels safe.

SHIELD STANDING WATER. Dogs and cats might want to lap up water your tree has yet to drink. But with debris like soil and sap, it might be more nauseating than quenching. Prevent H₂O-ho situations and cover water with a tree skirt or towel.

AIM HIGH WITH BREAKABLE ORNAMENTS. Because glass shards and a swat-happy tabby's tender paws don't mix.

DETER CORD CHEWING. Lights strung across a mantelpiece are marvelous—until the wire becomes a preferred chew toy. A spritz of the nontoxic, completely pet-safe Bodhi Dog Bitter Lemon Spray (\$15; thebodhidog.com) on or around cords should help control nibbling urges.

BEWARE PERILOUS PLANTS. If ingested by dogs and cats, holly and poinsettia may cause vomiting and diarrhea, and mistletoe can result in stomach or heart problems. Place festive yet toxic plants out of reach—or craft your own holiday foliage.

Paper artist Lia Griffith has templates for wreaths, decorations (like the festive poinsettia below), and more, all of which *O* readers can download for free at liagriffith.com/omagazine. —ZOE DONALDSON

