

Holiday 2005



Big Red

A culturally diverse and worldly fellow, Santa has many interpretations and different names: Father Christmas in England, Kriss Kringle in Germany, Pere Noel in France, Saint Nicholas in the Netherlands. But almost universally he is a plump and jolly figure who dresses in red, carries a bulging sack on his back, and brings gifts to good children. Destined to become a classic, "Big Red" is a lavish and loving example of how the symbol of Christmas is no longer just a decorated Christmas tree, but is now all about artistic expression.

Artist: The Trail of Painted Ponies Design Department



Deck the Halls

Imagine a Christmas sled full of laughing children being pulled down a snowy city street by a massive but reliable draft horse festively adorned with a holly wreath... and you have the inspiration for this Christmas Pony. Mike, the Art Director at Westland Giftware, has been a designer in the industry for over 25 years. Joy is a designer and a Product Development Coordinator at Westland.

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Happy Holidays

Think Christmas on the ranch... tacking up your trusty horse with a seasonal saddle blanket, tying on stockings instead of saddlebags and buckling up a breast collar that tinkles like sleigh bells... then riding over to the neighbor's cabin to share hearth and home. Could there be a better way to spread holiday cheer? Joy Steuerwald and Mike Dowdall, designers at Westland Giftware, didn't think so when they created "Happy Holidays."

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Reindeer Roundup

In hopes of drawing Santa's sleigh through the Christmas sky like the red-nosed Rudolph, this reindeer-wannabe tried to disguise the fact he was a Painted Pony by rounding up a set of antlers and throwing a gaudy saddle blanket on his back that lights up the night with stars. Even if he doesn't get a chance to pull Santa's sleigh, he will bring cheer to the season, and make this a memorable Christmas for those who find him prancing under

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