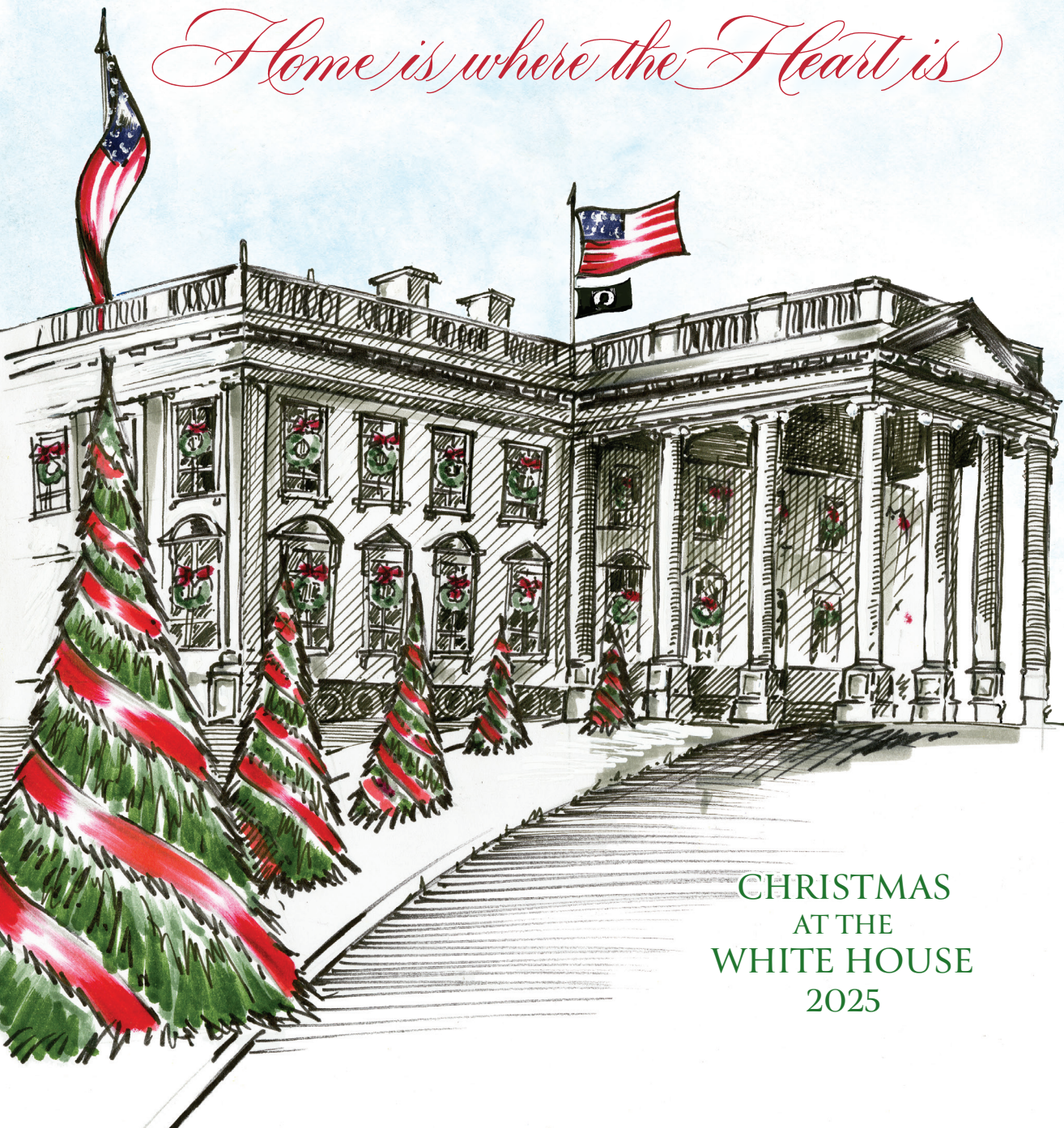


Home is where the Heart is



CHRISTMAS
AT THE
WHITE HOUSE
2025





Our family is delighted to welcome you to the White House during this special Christmas season, and we hope you enjoy this year's display, "Home is Where the Heart Is."

Christmas is a time to celebrate everything that makes our country exceptional. Across America, every home carries its own stories and traditions, yet it is our shared values that bind us together as one Nation. In every community, we are lifted by simple acts of kindness that reflect the enduring American spirit of generosity, patriotism, and gratitude. These moments remind us that the heart of America is strong.

This season also invites us to reflect on the blessings we share.

For nearly 250 years, our Nation has grown through the hopes and hard work of families who believed in something greater than themselves. Their example inspires us today, especially at Christmas, when we gather with loved ones to celebrate the faith, family, and freedom that define our national story.

We also remember the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who cannot be home with their families. Their service protects our freedom and allows Americans to celebrate in peace. We hold them—and their loved ones—close in our hearts.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the "People's House," a living symbol of our Republic and a beacon of American excellence. As you walk these historic halls, may you be reminded that our Nation is strongest when we come together with gratitude for our past, joy in the present, and hope for the future. May your home be filled with the warmth and wonder that make Christmas in America so special—and may God bless you and your family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



East Room

The largest room in the White House, the East Room has witnessed the heart of our Nation's story—from presidential receptions and bill signings, to weddings, concerts, and moments of reflection.

This holiday season, it shines in red, white, and blue to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our Nation. Patriotic trees stand tall, crowned with golden eagles and adorned with stars, roses, and oak leaves—emblems of courage, freedom, unity, and enduring strength. From each mirror hang wreaths inspired by the Great Seal, a tribute to ingenuity, resilience, and shared purpose that have shaped our home—the United States of America.

Here, where history and home meet, we honor the generations who came before us and reflect on the bright future we will build together.



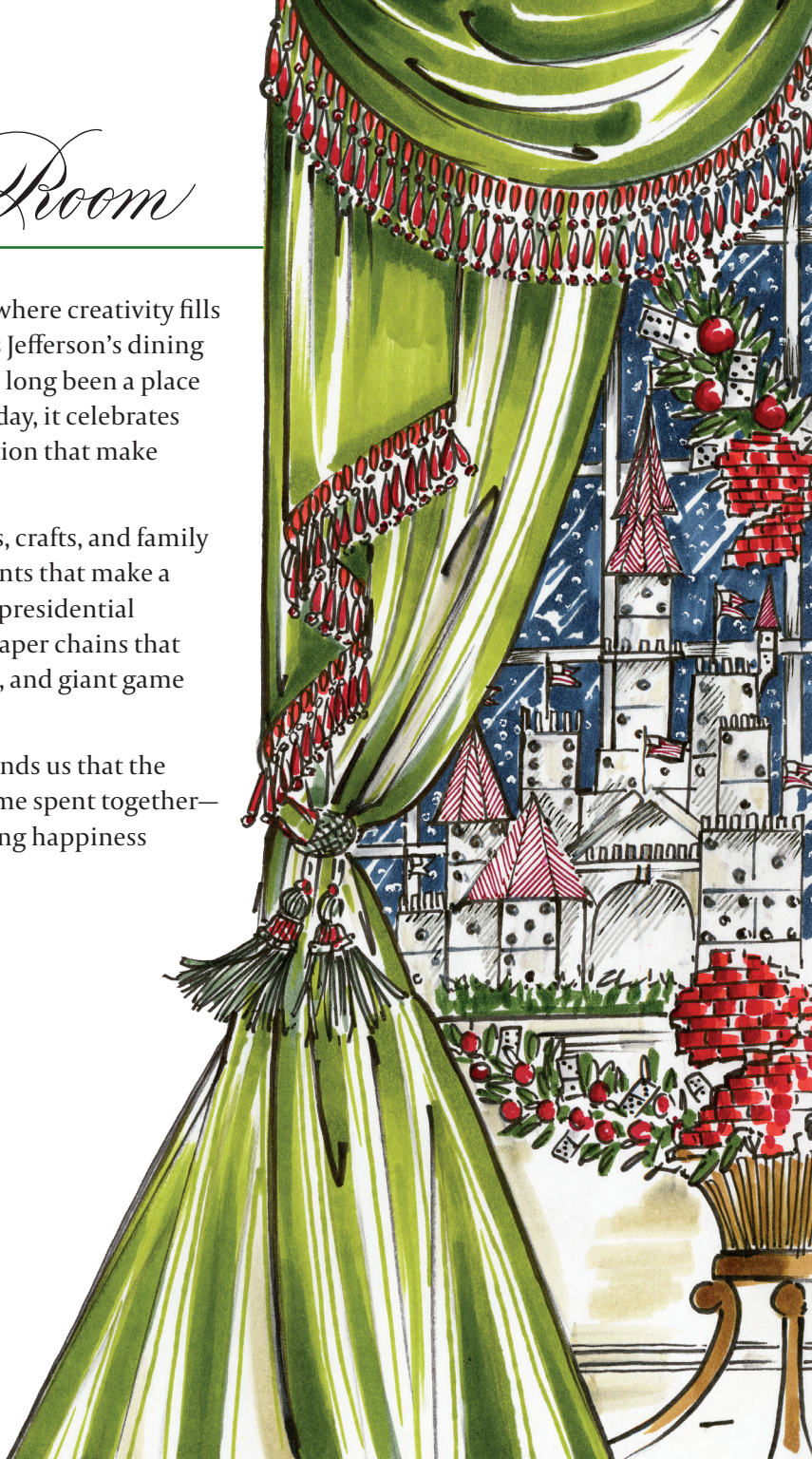
Learn how to make your own patriotic eagle ornament later in this booklet.

Green Room

Step into the Green Room, where creativity fills the air! Once used as Thomas Jefferson's dining room, this cheerful space has long been a place for gathering and delight. Today, it celebrates the playfulness and imagination that make a house a home.

The simple pleasure of games, crafts, and family fun fills every corner—moments that make a home truly special. Discover presidential portraits, a domino village, paper chains that stretch with the imagination, and giant game pieces that bring play to life.

Each handcrafted detail reminds us that the best memories come from time spent together—sharing, laughing, and creating happiness side by side.







Blue Room

At the heart of the White House, the official White House Christmas tree is proudly displayed in the Blue Room. Rising over eighteen feet high, this concolor fir traveled from Korson's Tree Farms in Sidney, Michigan. Receiving the distinction of National Grand Champion Grower 2025 from the National Christmas Tree Association, the Korson family had the honor of presenting their tree to First Lady Melania Trump just before Thanksgiving.

The tree proudly honors the courage and sacrifice of Gold Star families, whose loved ones have given everything in service to our Nation. No matter where a Gold Star family calls home, this tree stands as a reminder that their sacrifice touches every American heart, and that the strength, love, and resilience of their families enrich every community.

The glimmering tree features ornaments depicting the official bird and flower from each state and territory. The birds represent freedom, hope, and courage, while the flowers symbolize the vigilance, bravery, and steadfast spirit of Gold Star families. Together, these decorations celebrate the shared values that unite our Nation.

This historic room is a space to reflect on the strength of those who protect us, the love that binds us, and the unity that sustains our Nation. Every branch and ornament stands as a tribute to sacrifice, remembrance, and the enduring spirit that makes America home.



Red Room

The Red Room bursts with joy, celebrating the youth who represent our Nation's bright future. Butterflies swirl overhead. Their delicate wings are symbols of transformation and possibility.

This vibrant space pays tribute to First Lady Melania Trump's Fostering the Future, a BE BEST initiative, as part of her dedication to ensuring every child has the chance to reach their full potential.

Cranberry trees, a beloved White House tradition since 1975, lend their vibrant hue, a festive reminder of the heartwarming nature of the season.

In this space, the message is clear: when we nurture the hearts of our children, we secure the promise of tomorrow.



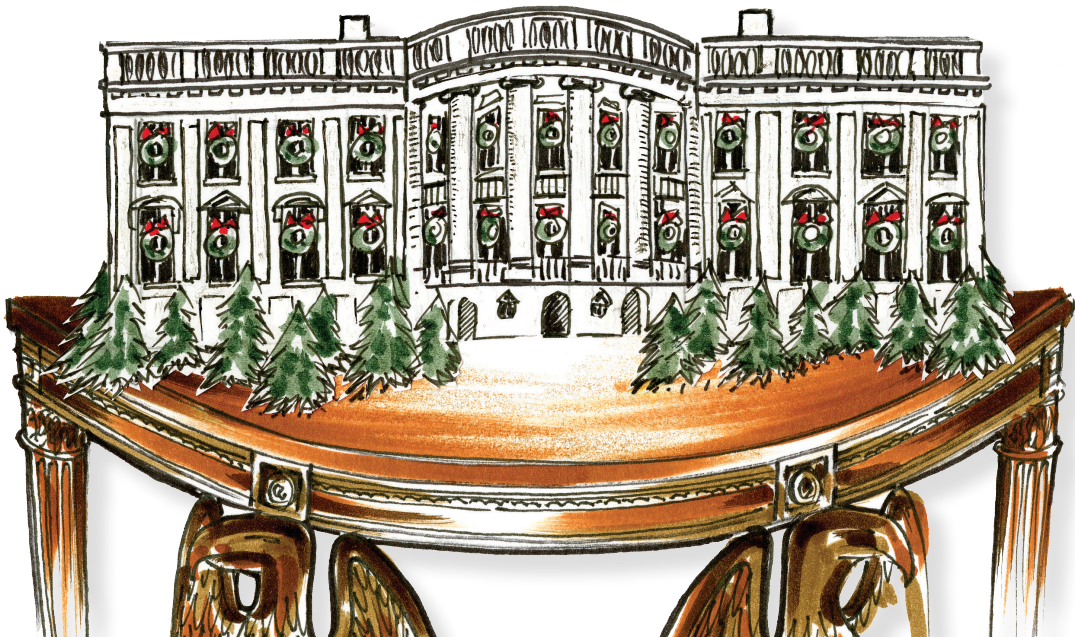
To learn more about the First Lady's Fostering the Future initiative and how Mrs. Trump is working to ensure a bright future for the next generation, visit whitehouse.gov/fosteringthefuture.



State Dining Room

A golden glow and festive fragrance fill the State Dining Room, inviting you to share in one of life's simplest and greatest joys—coming together. This space has welcomed kings, queens, artists, and heroes over centuries, serving as a grand stage for diplomacy and the heart of hospitality at the White House.

A holiday favorite, this year's Gingerbread House offers a unique glimpse into the Yellow Oval Room, a private space where First Families gather and cherished stories unfold. Carefully constructed out of 120 lbs. of gingerbread dough, 100 lbs. of pastillage dough, over 10 lbs. of chocolate, and 5 lbs. of royal icing, this masterpiece sweetly reminds us that the spirit of the holidays thrives in shared moments, connection, and the bonds that unite us.







Grand Foyer and Cross Hall

Your visit concludes in the Grand Foyer, where the season blooms in crimson and gold. This space captures the heart of the theme, reminding us that love—steady, selfless, and ever-blooming—is what truly makes a home. In every twinkling branch and shining ornament, we celebrate the simple truth of the season—“Home is Where the Heart Is.”

As the season’s glow fills the halls of the “People’s House,” we are reminded that home is more than walls and windows—it is where love, tradition, and shared memories flourish. May the joy, beauty, and spirit of the holidays fill your own home, and may each gathering with family and friends be a celebration of connection, hope, and the enduring heart of our Nation.

From our home to yours, may the warmth of the White House fill your season with peace, wonder, and the timeless magic of Christmas.

APPLE TARTS

A Recipe from the White House Pastry Shop

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups apple, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 lemon, zested
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water, ice-cold
- Your favorite pie dough

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine the first eight ingredients in a large pot and cook over medium heat until the mixture comes to a boil.
2. Mix the cornstarch and cold water, then stir it into the pot. Lower the heat and cook until the mixture boils again and thickens.
3. Set aside to cool.
4. Roll out the pie dough to 1/8 inch thick. Use a round cookie cutter to cut circles and press them into a muffin pan.
5. Poke the dough with a fork, place parchment paper inside each cup, and fill with dry beans.
6. Bake at 375°F until the edges are golden.
7. Remove the parchment and beans and bake for 10 more minutes.
8. Let the shells cool, fill with the apple mixture, and enjoy!

FUN FACT: Did you know that apples are grown in all 50 states? Their ability to thrive in so many climates make them a true American favorite.



CREATE YOUR OWN SOARING EAGLE ORNAMENT



WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Popsicle sticks
- Paint (red, white, blue, brown, yellow, black)
- Glue
- Craft paper
- Scissors
- String

FUN FACT: Since 1782, the bald eagle has soared as the United States national bird—a symbol of strength and freedom.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Line up popsicle sticks side by side and glue them together to make the wings. Paint red and white stripes, add a blue corner, and glue on small stars.
2. Glue three popsicle sticks together to make a long eagle body, using five shorter sticks to make the head and wings. Paint white and brown.
3. Cut and glue a small yellow triangle on the head for the beak and add a black circle for the eye.
4. Glue the big wings behind the body so the eagle looks like it is flying.
5. Tie a string loop at the top with glue so the eagle can be hung.
6. Let the glue and paint dry completely and display proudly on your tree!



With Appreciation

The Office of the First Lady and the White House Visitors Office extend their heartfelt thanks to the Executive Residence staff and the incredible team of volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and talents to prepare the White House for the holiday season. This cherished tradition is made possible through their passion, hard work, and creativity. With immense gratitude, we thank Hervé Pierre for the featured artwork throughout this booklet. Each piece is a reflection of the joy, beauty, and spirit of the season. We also wish to thank America250 for helping to make this shared vision a reality, honoring 250 years of our Nation's story and the enduring ideals that continue to unite us all.

*We invite you to share your experience using
#WHChristmas*

*And to connect with us on social media
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A treasured piece of White House history, a portion of the White House crèche, or nativity scene, is displayed in the Grand Foyer as other elements undergo conservation organized by the Executive Residence Office of the Curator. It is a reminder of the enduring story of faith and family that connects us all.

