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*Hello
December!*



STARTING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

The holiday season is upon us again—are you ready to make it the brightest yet?

The holiday season can sneak up on us. Don't let it pass by without trying some new activities that might become beloved traditions. Here are a few ways to put a fresh spin on some familiar holiday customs:

» **Holiday movies:** Certain movies are a must-watch during the holiday season. Why not create a new tradition by taking the viewing outside? Yes, winter is cold in many areas, but if you monitor the weather and choose a warmer night, you can grab some hot cocoa, pile under blankets, and enjoy a cozy outdoor movie night. This could become a cherished tradition or at least a memorable experience.

» **Advent calendar:** Advent calendars build anticipation throughout the holiday season. Consider creating an Advent(ure) calendar. Plan days for large or small adventures like ice skating, sledding, skiing, or hiking. Then, devise a fun way to reveal these adventures to your family or friends.

» **Ornaments:** If decorating the Christmas tree with ornaments is part of your annual tradition, try making this year's ornaments instead of buying them. Have each family member recall a favorite memory from the year and create an ornament to commemorate it. This personal touch adds sentimental value to your tree.

» **Food:** Food is a central part of the holidays. Plan a holiday gathering where everyone brings a traditional or favorite holiday dish from their childhood. Enhance the festive spirit by donning ugly Christmas sweaters and exchanging white elephant gifts.

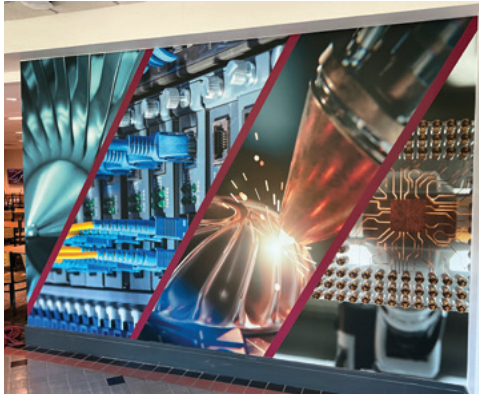
There are countless ways to celebrate the holiday season. Consider what activities would bring joy to you and your loved ones, and then take steps to make them happen. Embrace the season and create memories that will last a lifetime! ✔



Featured **Grand Format Solution**

OUR LATEST CUSTOM WRAPS

See our latest wraps below including a column for AgFirst, interior walls for Segra, a utility box in Irmo (1 of 10 we did around the town of Irmo) and a ukulele.



Let our team assist with your next project. Contact your Sun representative or call/email:

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WINTER MERCHANDISE

2 Pack Hot Stuff Hand Warmers

Hot Stuff Hand Warmers are the 100% natural way to warm up those hands or cold toes on a chilly day, whether it be on an outdoor adventure of trail riding, hunting, fishing, camping, jogging or hiking. Perfect size for game day, tailgating, and watching any outdoor sports/event. It is convenient, compact and portable for those who have to work outdoors or in a cold warehouse. These are sure to be a HOT hit at any event for 8 + hours of use.

Remove from packaging and shake, exposed to the air will start the heating process. If you want to pause up to 6 hours place the warmer in airtight plastic bag to use later in the day.

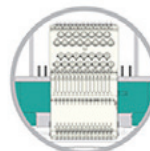
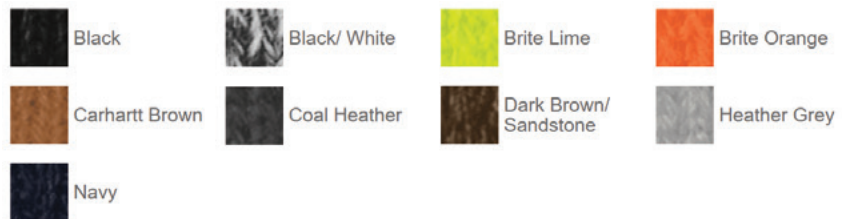
- Item Size:** 4.72" w x 7.48" h
Individual Warmer Size: 3.54" w x 2.16" h
- Imprint Size:** 2.30" w x 1.25" h
- Imprint Method:** Direct Print
1 Color Imprint Only



Fleece Beanies

Soft to the touch, this timeless cap is stretchy rib knit for a stay-put fit.

- **100% acrylic, stretchable, rib knit fabric**
- **Carhartt label sewn on left side**
- **Logos can be added front or back**



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HEAT TRANSFERS

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Featured **Branded Merchandise**

SPREAD THE WARMTH WITH CUSTOM BRANDED FLEECE BLANKETS



Spread the warmth this Winter with these custom branded, soft fleece blankets.

Port & Company® Oversized Core Fleece Sweatshirt Blankets

These oversized fleece blankets are soft and warm and expands our popular Core Fleece sweatshirt styles.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- 7.8-ounce, 50/50 cotton/poly fleece
- Mitered V corners
- Fully hemmed
- Dimensions: 65" x 85"



Athletic Heather



Dark Heather Grey



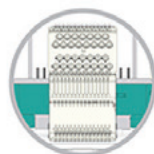
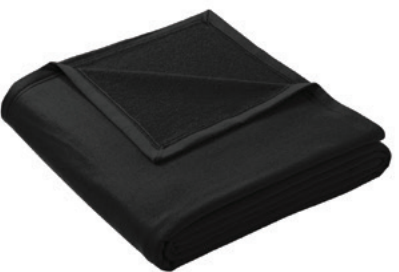
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SCREEN PRINTING



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HIT THE (LESSER-KNOWN) SLOPES

The snows of winter mean ski season is open. While thousands flock to big-name resorts, consider booking a ski vacation at a lesser-known location. Here are a few worth a look:

» **Cannon Mountain Ski Area, New Hampshire.** Home to the highest ski-area summit and longest vertical drop in New Hampshire, this family-friendly ski resort in Franconia Notch State Park is affordable for beginners and experts alike.

» **Brian Head Ski Resort, Utah.** Boasting the highest base elevation in Utah, Brian Head features eight lifts and 71 runs spread over 650 acres. Located in Dixie National Forest and close to the beautiful red-rock parks in southern Utah, the views from the resort's summits and terrain parks are top-notch!

» **Telluride Ski Resort, Colorado.** Located two hours further from Denver than Aspen Snowmass, Telluride is less likely to attract locals looking to get out of the city for the day, making it ideal for skiers seeking perfect powder and shorter lift lines. Over 2,000 skiable acres allow visitors to enjoy the 300+ inches of snow that falls there each winter season.

» **Homewood Mountain Resort, North Lake Tahoe.** Only 280 steps separate one of the ski lifts from Lake Tahoe, making this resort the closest to the lake and the one with the best water views. With 66 runs and seven lifts, along with over 750 acres of snowcat-accessible terrain, Homewood Mountain Resort is a true gem in the Tahoe area. ✓



Consider Almond Flour

Following a low- or no-gluten diet? Here are a few reasons to consider almond flour as an alternative to traditional wheat flour:

Heart Health: It positively impacts heart health by increasing antioxidants in the bloodstream, improving blood flow, and reducing blood pressure.

Nutrient-Rich: It contains essential nutrients like fiber, healthy fats, and antioxidants that benefit overall health and contribute to a balanced diet.

Improved Energy: Healthy fats, micronutrients, and macronutrients make it an excellent energy booster and a steady source of fuel throughout the day.

Blood Sugar Control: High in fat and fiber but low in carbs, it releases sugar slowly into your body. It also contains magnesium, which helps to control blood sugar levels effectively.

Consult your doctor to ensure that almond flour is a safe choice for you. ✓

FABULOUS FINISHING TOUCHES

Increasing consumer interaction with your printed pieces requires you to pay attention to the details you include. What about your piece will make the recipient want to hold it just a few seconds longer to see what it has to say? This linger factor can be accomplished with unique finishing elements. Consider adding some of these specialty services to your next printed piece:



» **Foil stamping.** Laying down a malleable metallic foil on the surface of your printed piece is a simple way to add a bit of luxury and decoration to the finished product. Often used to highlight a logo or add a dash of flair, foil stamping takes your printed piece to the next level.

» **Embossing and debossing.**

The process of raising certain parts of a printed piece, either the text or the design elements, is called embossing, while the opposite effect of indenting certain parts is called debossing. These are often used with foil stamping or UV spot varnish to really enhance the raised or indented areas.

» **Die-cutting.** Few techniques are more eye-catching than a well-executed die cut. The interest die cuts create in your print piece ensures a higher rate of interaction, meaning the recipient really gets to see what you're all about.

We're ready to help you add finishing touches to your printed pieces. Get in touch with us today!



ELECTRIC GLIDE

Electric vehicles, from cars to bikes to scooters, are certainly growing in popularity. So perhaps it should come as no surprise that electric rollerblades have arrived on the scene.

AtmosGear has created a set of electric in-line skate wheels that can fasten to a pair of in-line skate boots, allowing the user to reach top speeds of 12mph at a range of up to five miles on a single charge.

A handheld remote allows you to accelerate and break with a simple thumb movement, giving you full control of your ride. This innovation promises to make a leisurely ride or a short commute a breeze. ✓



TRIVIA

1. Which country drinks the most coffee per capita?
2. Queen guitarist Brian May is also an expert in what scientific field?
3. In what country would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?
4. What is a group of pandas known as?

1) Finland 2) Astrophysics 3) Tanzania 4) An embarrassment

Gutenberg's Army©



TOP TEN

Most-Watched Holiday Movies
on streaming or linear TV in 2023

1. Elf
2. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
3. Home Alone
4. The Santa Clause
5. Four Christmases
6. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
7. Best. Christmas. Ever.
8. The Holiday
9. Family Switch
10. A Christmas Story



CAN YOU GUESS THE YEAR?



- » The tallest man-made structure to date, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai is officially opened.
- » British-Irish boy band One Direction is formed.
- » The Winter Olympics are held in Vancouver and Whistler, Canada.
- » The first iPad is released.
- » The FIFA World Cup is held in South Africa and is won by Spain.
- » Instagram is launched.

- » A total lunar eclipse happens on the northern winter solstice and southern summer solstice for the first time since 1638.
- » An earthquake devastates the nation of Haiti.
- » *Despicable Me*, *Toy Story 3*, and *How to Train Your Dragon* are released in theaters.

INSPIRED CALENDAR

Post-pandemic, when the world started to dream of traveling again, the team at Hosoyamada Design Office partnered with Ichikudo Printing Co. in Japan to create a desktop calendar that would inspire these travel dreams. A folded paper box, designed to resemble a suitcase, contains what appear to be 12 separate travel documents, one for each month, complete with departure and destination cities, along with several printed embellishments like foil or raised ink. Each travel document can be opened to reveal a three-dimensional scene from the destination listed, framed by the dates of the month. These whimsical calendar pieces made a positive impression on their recipients! 🍷

The year was 2020.

December Birthdays

Donna Woodard – 12/15
 Zach Brewington – 12/16
 Kathi Cook – 12/22
 Craig Stroman – 12/22
 Cynthia Simpson – 12/23

Chris Edgemon – 12/23
 Manny Santos – 12/27
 Jacob Fossum – 12/28
 Raymond Keyes – 12/29
 Elease Sulton – 12/31

December Anniversaries

Brenda Lytle – 3 years

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