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# Country Living The Farm Chicks Christmas: Merry Ideas For The Holidays



## Synopsis

For *œFarm Chick* • Serena Thompson, Christmas means a house overflowing with ornaments, lights, cherished treasures, and the welcoming aroma of baking cookies. *The Farm Chicks Christmas*, now in paperback, celebrates the magic of the season with ideas for entertaining, decorating, tree trimming, and crafting, plus 17 recipes for yummy holiday sweets. As in *The Farm Chicks in the Kitchen*, Serena shares delightful stories of her family and friends, reminding us of the importance of tradition at this special time of year. Includes three pages of adorable note cards and stickers!

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## Customer Reviews

Christmas "Farm Chicks" style is just what I was hoping for this season. I am a big fan of Serena Thompson (previous book, site, products, blog, etc) so, of course I had her new publication, *The Farm Chicks Christmas* on pre-order the minute it was available. I was not disappointed in the least. The beautiful photography alone is worth the price of admission - but, never fear Ms. Thompson has given us many more "treats" to freshen our holiday plans. A few favs - the Pom Pom Ornaments (especially if you have super little ones and need non-breakable on your tree), and wrapping & shipping ideas (including Gift Card Holders & Wrapping Paper Village). A few recipe highlights for me include - Marble Bread and the Mini Orange Bundt Cakes. No way to choose, so I'll be making both. And, if all that doesn't seal the deal for you --- included is adorable color recipe cards (perfect to make copies and expand your collection or for gifts) and sticker gift tags. Love a free gift with

purchase! This is a beautiful holiday book - full of lovely stories and collections. As a fan of the brand, The Farm Chicks know how to throw one heck of a holiday extravaganza! Cheers!

"The Farm Chicks Christmas" by Serena Thompson is the follow-up to 2009's *The Farm Chicks in the Kitchen: Live Well, Laugh Often, Cook Much*. The first Farm Chicks book was a countrified cookbook peppered liberally with stories and reminiscences by Serena and Teri, antiques-inspired craft ideas (a reusable stencil was included in the front), and comfort food: easy recipes for breakfast treats, appetizers, soups and salads, and decadent desserts, over fifty in all. "Farm Chicks Christmas," on the other hand, is written only by Serena, a contributing editor for *Country Living* magazine and antiques show hostess (her best friend Teri has retired from their business). The book still includes numerous country-inspired craft ideas; you'll find decorative, retro-inspired self-adhesive gift tags and notecards at the back, along with various decorating ideas for "the most wonderful time of the year." However, the ratio of crafts to recipes is reversed from the first book; there are only 17 recipes included at the back with gift-giving suggestions on how to package them. "Farm Chicks Christmas" captures the magic of childhood Christmases, from family visits to the tree farm (complete with recipe ideas for hot drinks to tote along), holiday decorating ideas (holiday scalloped bunting, vintage-inspired snowball pompom ornaments, cone trees and vintage funnel trees, banners and more), and photos of Serena's friends' and family's homes decorated for Christmas. Much of the book is more like a scrapbooked photo essay, with crafts sprinkled in every few pages. Also, the decorating tips (and included photos) are vintage country in the Farm Chicks fashion: displaying old farm toys standing in coconut snow, for example, or stacking metal funnels to make "trees." If you're not a fan of all things country, this probably isn't the holiday book for you. The included holiday recipes are few, and aimed mostly at gift-giving, like the sweet and salty nuts, mini orange bundt cakes, and various types of cookies (butter cutouts, chocolate-covered peanut butter balls, snowballs, Spritz cookies). As with the previous book, a handy list of metric equivalent charts is provided at the back. I tried the sweet and salty nuts recipe first, and though tasty, I didn't think that the "sweet" flavor predominated; it was more of a subtle afterthought (there's only 1.5 tablespoons of brown sugar and 2 teaspoons of honey for 3 cups of nuts). Overall, "Farm Chicks Christmas" is a nostalgic walk down a snowy memory lane, but it has narrower mass appeal than "Farm Chicks in the Kitchen" due to the reversal of the recipe-to-crafts ratio and the genre-specific decorating style (I enjoyed the many beautiful photographs, but won't find myself making yarn-ball wreaths or filling jars with spare Christmas lightbulbs anytime soon). (Review copy courtesy of Sterling Publishing)

All I can say is that this book is adorable and perfect for the holidays...pure eye candy! I love the stories, pictures, recipe cards and stickers...retro is so cool and this book delights all the senses...You will not be disappointed!

I'm new to the Farm Chicks books. I just bought this one and the cookbook and I love them both. They look adorable in a farmhouse style kitchen. I would recommend them to anyone who likes the down home farm style. The Christmas book is filled with sweet images, craft ideas recipes and the back has baking tags which I love ! I had never flipped through this book before and just took a chance on it and I'm so glad I did.

I love Christmas' books but I can be picky. This one was recommended by Dawn @ Webster Pages. Since I love pretty much everything she loves I went to check it out. As soon as I saw the cover I knew it was for me. When it was delivered I sat down with some coffee and a blanket. The book was just as cozy and my rocking chair! It shows some awesome ideas I would have never thought of and it's all something I can do (without an interior design degree). It also gives some ideas on stuff you would never expect to make into decorations. Stuff that's still very affordable at your local Goodwill or flea market. It's just filled with inspiration, the love of the season and cozy/warm goodness!

At Christmas I go all out to decorate. One of the things I have always done is display my collection of Christmas cookbooks. The book from one of the editors of Country Living mag is a keeper. The book is full of ideas for decorating along with recipes for the holiday season.It is displayed front and center on my kitchen counter and gets lots of "pick ups" from company. Never fails to delight those who look through it.Makes a great gift.

This book is a great way to get ready for the holidays and well worth the price charged by . Theirs was the cheapest I found and got here in a timely fashion. Great buy!

I got exactly what I expected with this book; nice pictures, crafty ideas and a fun coffee table book sure to keep me interested. I found some very unique ideas, hard for me to do when I have over 100 Christmas books. But this was a treat and I recommend it.

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