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When November hits, the pressure is on for any busy family. The real challenge, however, is keeping the holidays as fun and stress-free as possible. Despite hectic careers, hockey tournaments, theatre performances and family gatherings, Surrey, B.C., designer Lisa Moody of Grapevine Designs tackles this feat with panache, along with her husband, Ron, and their kids, Svea, 14, Eston, 12, and Eli, 9. Here, we get a glimpse into their stylish 6,900-square-foot home, plus a few of the festive traditions that make Christmas especially merry for the Moody clan.

ON THE DIY GARLAND Homeowner and designer Lisa Moody made this Advent calendar garland 10 years ago by combining her kids' stray socks with some Christmas-themed ones bought on sale after the holidays.

DESIGN, Grapevine Designs, grapevinedesigns.ca.

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the holiday HUSTLE



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“We decorate our faux tree at the end of November. It’s nice to get the decorating done early so we can enjoy the season longer.”



ON TRIMMING THE TREE “There will be a day when I’ll have a formal Christmas tree,” says Lisa with a laugh. But when three kids are contributing to the scheme, bright, fun colours and childhood mementoes reign for now.

SOFA, ARMCHAIRS, Grapevine Designs; **ARMCHAIR FABRIC**, Kravet Canada; **COFFEE TABLE**, IKEA; **RUG**, faux **CHRISTMAS TREE**, Costco; gold polka dot **TOSS CUSHION**, Anthropologie; blue and coral **TOSS CUSHIONS**, HomeSense; **MARQUEE LETTERS**, Restoration Hardware.



ON THE FAMILY GATHERING SPOT The kids (from left), Svea, Eli and Eston, hang out with Lisa (far right) and enjoy Christmas treats in the dining area. The simple modern table and chairs are durable, practical choices for family mealtime.

ARTWORK, HomeSense.



ON CREATIVE WRAPPING Lisa packages presents using plain white kraft paper jazzed up with colourful and patterned ribbons as well as leftover scraps of holiday gift wrap.



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“When a big dinner party seems too overwhelming, we’ll have friends over for cocktails and snacks by the fire.”



ON THE HOLIDAY HUB The Moody home is *the* place for family parties during the holidays, and the island in the kitchen, with its yellow wooden stools, is where everyone gathers.

Custom **CABINETRY**, Old World Kitchens & Custom Cabinets; **STOOLS**, Grapevine Designs; **PENDANT LIGHTS**, Norburn Lighting & Bath Centre.



ON THE ELF ON THE SHELF

The fireplace, which has a soaring marble-clad surround, is a focal point for the family during the holidays. Can you spot the Elf on the Shelf? It sits in one of the the built-in maple cubbies and is the origin of many hilarious holiday shenanigans.

Custom built-in **SHELVES**, Grapevine Designs; **ANIMAL HEAD**, West Elm.

ON THE EASIEST KIDS' PARTY

EVER Lisa hosts a Christmas party for the kids and their friends. This year, they're decorating gingerbread cookies and enjoying hot chocolate with marshmallows, candy canes and chocolate chips.

