



The SIMS²

Happy Holiday STUFF



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Installing the Game

Important Note: *The Sims™ 2 Happy Holiday Stuff* requires *The Sims™ 2* for Mac OS X to play.

BACKING UP THE SIMS™ 2 GAME FILES

We strongly recommend that you back up your saved game files before installing *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff*.

To back up your saved game files:

1. Find your saved games on your computer (the default location for these files is home folder/Documents/EA Games).
2. Copy these files and folders to a safe location on your computer. Because you may have many files to store, we recommend compressing them using a file compression utility or burning them to a CD or DVD.

*For more information on backing up your game files, please see the readme file.

To install *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff*:

To install *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff* for Mac OS, double-click the installer on the CD and follow the onscreen instructions.

Starting the Game

To start *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff* (with disc already in drive):

To start *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff*, double-click the "The Sims 2" icon in the "The Sims 2" folder on your hard drive.

Playing the Game

Have your Sims been good? Enrich your Sims' holidays with a bounty of seasonal goodies. From Halloween lawn ornaments to stockings to hang on the chimney with care, your Sims' holiday needs are covered.

Saving and Loading

Your game data is saved by lot. When you exit a lot, you are asked if you wish to save the game. If your active Sim goes to another lot in the same neighborhood, the game saves automatically (with a warning) when you exit the lot.

Getting the Goods!

After you've installed *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff*, you can find festive new objects for your Sims (decorations galore!) in the Buy Mode catalog and new holiday-themed building designs in the Build Mode catalog. Look for new clothing and hair options in Create-A-Family or send Sims to a boutique shop for the latest holiday fashions.

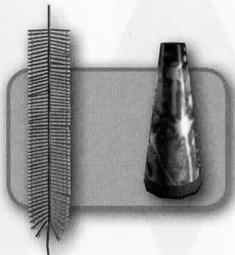
Holiday Items

From candles to Christmas trees, new art to nutcrackers, you can find a bundle of fun things to get your Sims ready for the holidays. Purchase the objects in this section from the Buy Mode catalog.

Have a Blast!

DinCo's Crackers

For indoor firework fun, nothing says ker-pow like DinCo's Crackers.



Fountain of Fiery Jubilations

A colorful shower of explosive fun, this cone of fireworks brightens any occasion.



DinCo's Box o' Blasts

Choose from New Years, Christmas, party, and random poppers to get your event jumping.



DinCo Sparks N' Stuff

Kids and adults alike get a kick out of these pretty but tame fireworks.



DinCo Box a' Noise

Make sure your Sims' neighbors know they're celebrating! These cacophony-creators raise the decibel level, if not the roof, at any party.

Christmas Decorations



Magic Mistletoe

'Tis the season to love thy neighbor. Hang this botanic bauble and get your Sims ready to pucker up.



Funky the Snowman

Not unlike his freaky relation, this is one cool snow dude. When he throws down his festive beats, the night is sure to heat up. Which might be bad news for someone made of snow.



Sacred Star

Stars have long been symbols of sacred things. Put one on your Sims' wall to represent a spark of light in a sea of darkness. Or just because it's bright and shiny.



The Classic Wreath

Combining fragrant pine boughs with traditional holiday trinkets, this wreath runs circles around other seasonal décor.

Holiday Wreath

You've got a wreath on your door to welcome guests and one on your wall to embellish the entryway. Why not position one on your coffee table to complete the trinity?



Super Stuffer Mantle Warmers

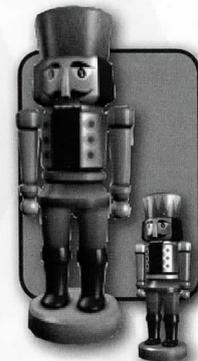
Guaranteed to keep your mantle toasty whether your Sims hang them with care or not, these colorful stockings come pre-stuffed with seasonal tidbits*.

* Tidbits for show only.



Ring A' Ding Earthquake Detection System Holiday Special

Even a little tremor is enough to set these bells trilling—and with the decorative bow, no one need know that they're really an early detection system at all.



Corporal Filbert Nutcracker

Not your normal nutcracker, this life-sized dandy is ready for even the biggest nuts.

Share the Bounty Nutcracker

Handy for cracking almonds and more, this sturdy soldier is also a courageous guard against merciless Mouse Kings.



Mr. Sanbluvian

With his uncanny resemblance to a certain holiday figure, this statuette of a less-famous Peruvian llama wrangler is perfect for seasonal decorating.



Arctic Santa by YuleCo

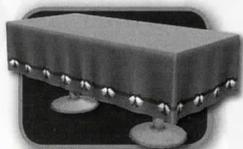
Even when the temperature drops, this gift-bearing figurine is guaranteed to be up to delivering the goods.



Ski Jump Frosty!

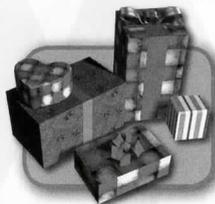
It's hard to stay balanced when you're built like Frosty, but that doesn't stop him from showing off his ski jumping skills.

That Extra Touch



Festive HoliDine Tables

A special occasion calls for something more than your typical table. From small tables to dinner for eight, HoliDine lets you dress up your Sims' events with an appropriately attired table.



Mystery Presents

Is the waiting better than the actual opening? If your Sims love the excitement and anticipation of a wrapped gift, this item is for them. All of the excitement, none of the messy torn paper.

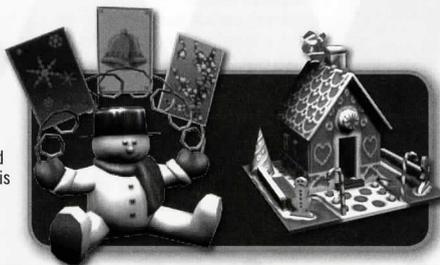


Touch of Autumn Cornucopia

With its pumpkins, pears, and flaming red leaves, this symbol of an abundant harvest dresses up your Sim's home in any season.

Holiday Greetings! from Cold Traditions

Keep Sims' seasonal greetings cheerfully and tidily on display with this jolly snowman and his warm-wishing cards.



Gingerbread House

If your Sims love the thought of stumbling on a house made of treats, why not adorn their home with a vision of sweet domestic bliss?

Seasonal Art



Holiday in Leukerbad

This small Alpine village is a popular destination renowned for its healthful hot springs.



Santa Skating

Winter is Santa's busy season, but fortunately the North Pole gets now year round so Santa and his elves can carve up the ice all summer long. Hockey anyone?



ValueSpite Funny Bunny

This all-purpose rabbit print is ready to celebrate a host of holidays from Easter to Valentine's Day to Christmas.



Portrait of My First Holiday Memory

On a star-filled, clear winter's night a child learns the true meaning of Christmas. You can't see the llama in this piece, but trust us, it's there.



Downhill Snowmanning

Sims can show their predilection for snowy sports with this cool painting.

A Warm Holiday Glow

Make sure your Sims are ensconced in just the right atmosphere with this selection of cheerful lighting and jolly garland.

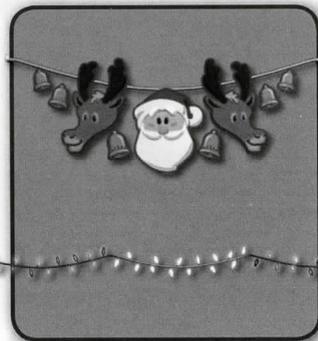


Holiday Candle

Purple, blue, green, black, white, red. With colors for any and every holiday, add the warmth of candlelight to your Sims' special occasion.

COPG Garland

Santa and a host of reindeer dance 'round your walls when you string this up just under the ceiling.



Sled Track Lights

Whether your Sims prefer the sparkle of white lights, the diversity of multi-colored bulbs, or the classic green and red garland, these twinklers add a warm glow to any room.

Christmas Trees and Holiday Plants



The Little Frock Tree

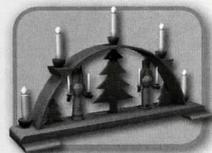
Just when you thought you had your Sims' home decked out from floor to ceiling, you spy an empty table in the hallway. Yes, that one there. This little tree will spruce it up nicely!

Diet Festive Tree

Too many holiday items to fit in your Sims' home? We know the feeling! We took a bit off the middle of this tree so that it nestles nicely in even the most decorated dwelling.

Christmas Tree

Big, fat, and merry ... just like another jolly chubby one you know and love—oh and kind of like Santa, too.



Candles von Winterfest by OomPapa Inc.

Sure there are a lot of holiday candles on the market. But only the Candles von Winterfest fill your Sims' home with the never-out-of-season scent of sausages and cider.



Poinsettia Gift Pack

Wrapped in a bow, this symbol of Christmas giving dresses up a drab table like nothing else.

Holiday Hyacinth

These festive plants can add a splash of color to your Winter white.

Celebrate with International Flair



Kwanzaa Kinara

The seven principles of Kwanzaa are represented by the candles on the Kinara: Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work, Collective Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith.

Chanukah Menorah

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with this simple yet elegant take on a timeless tradition.



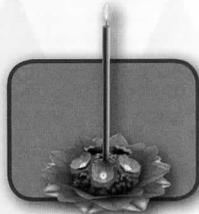
The Holiday Lumberjack Statuette

His boots were made for walking. His hiking staff was too. So spice up your Sims' holidays, with a lumberjack or two.



The Divine Kadomatsu

Welcome the New Year with this traditional Japanese decoration.



Festive Krathong from Simporters Inc.

Celebrate the lunar moon with this non-floating version of a traditional Thai holiday symbol.

Holiday Homes

Whether building a new abode for the holidays or renovating the family home, here are some construction options just right for the season.



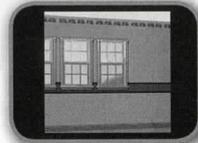
Door Décor

You can adorn your Sims' houses by installing dressed up doors. Choose from the Colonial Arch, Quaint, and Value doors and then pick from a selection of wreaths or bows.



Window Embellishments

Nothing says winter like a window dusted in frost. Choose the simplicity of snowflakes, the symbolism of doves, or the whimsy of reindeer and snowmen.



Holiday Wallpaper

Wrap up your Sims' room like a festive package with an assortment of jolly wallpaper.

From the Garden Center

Spruce up your Sims' yard with some seasonal elements. The following items can be purchased from the Garden Center section of the Build Mode catalog.

Prickle Me Cactus

Even if snowy environs aren't your thing, that doesn't mean your Sims can't deck their yard for the season.



A Tree for All Seasons

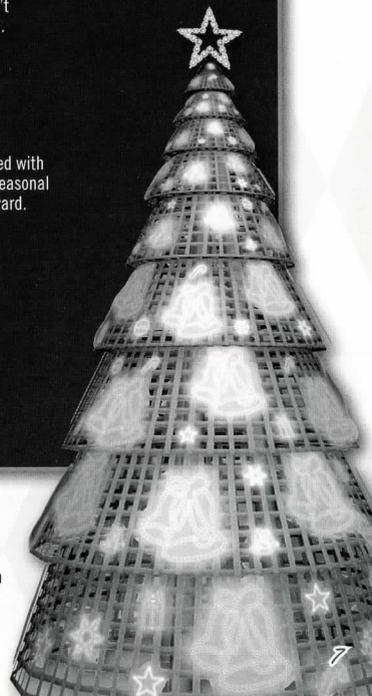
This Japanese Maple draped with festive decorations adds seasonal charm to even the tiniest yard.



The Gentle Pine

This living tree isn't just for the holidays—plant a Gentle Pine in your Sims' yard and it can be Christmas all year round.

Huge Tree Extravaganza!
by Big Yard Dudes Inc.
Size matters. Get your holiday on in a big way with this tree to top all trees.



Outdoor Décor

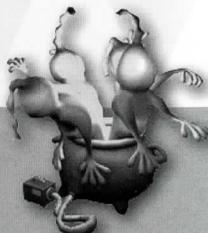
Berge the Proliferating Reindeer

His distant relation of the oddly luminous nose gets all the recognition, but what people don't know is that it's thanks to the randy Berge that we still have reindeer at all. This lawn ornament commemorates his prolific feats.



Snowman Construction Set

Building a snowman is as easy as 1-2-3 with these synthetic, melt-free snow parts.



Jack-o-Hattern Lawn Ornament

A witch's hat festooned with creepy spiders competes this jack-o-lantern's jaunty attire.



Cat-a-Strophic Luminous Lawn Ornament

Even dedicated feline fanciers will pause before crossing this black cat's path. Keep your Sims on their toes with this slinky Halloween outdoor décor.

Four Dead Guys Luminous Lawn Ornament

Greet neighbors and guests with a truly ghoulish decoration. This oversized lawn ornament comes with its own inflation device for speedy deployment.

Celebrate in Style

Outfit your Sims with festive garments for all their holiday events.



Qipao

Clothe your Sims in this elegant silk dress from China.

Thai Dress w/ Crown

Paired with a gold hair crown and other jewelry, this silken skirted number is perfect for any stylish occasion.



Kimono

Dress your Sims in one of the new Kimonos to greet cherry blossoms during Hanami.



Cheongsam

Enjoy the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival with Sims wearing this traditional attire.



Hakama

The seven folds in the Japanese Hakama are symbolic of courage, charity, justice, etiquette, honesty, loyalty, and honor.

European Santa Ensemble

To cut a more continental Christmas figure, Sims can don this Father Christmas apparel.



Holiday PJs

Before they nestle into bed to dream of sugarplums, dress your toddler in a seasonal sleeper.



Toymaker Togs for Tots

Sim children will enjoy holiday frolicking even more dressed in whimsical elfin outfits.



Mr. & Mrs. Claus, I Presume

Create the kindly Claus couple in all of their finery, or dress up Sims for holiday events.



Father Time

Elder Sim males enjoy showing the wisdom of their years when they wear this attire.

Baby New Year

Nothing says Happy New Year quite like a toddler in a sash. Well, maybe a glass of bubbly while watching fireworks. But apart from that.

Performance Tips

System Requirements

It is essential that your Mac meets the Minimum Requirements as detailed on the game's packaging. If you are experiencing poor performance, check to make sure your system hardware supports the requirements.

Other Applications

We recommend that you quit all other running applications while playing *The Sims 2 Happy Holiday Stuff*.

Operating System Updates

Keeping your operating system up-to-date will make sure you have the latest video drivers and system improvements available for your version of Mac OS.

If you are still experiencing poor performance, try adjusting the game's graphics/performance options.

Technical Support

To register your copy of this game please go to:
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