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## Christmas presence

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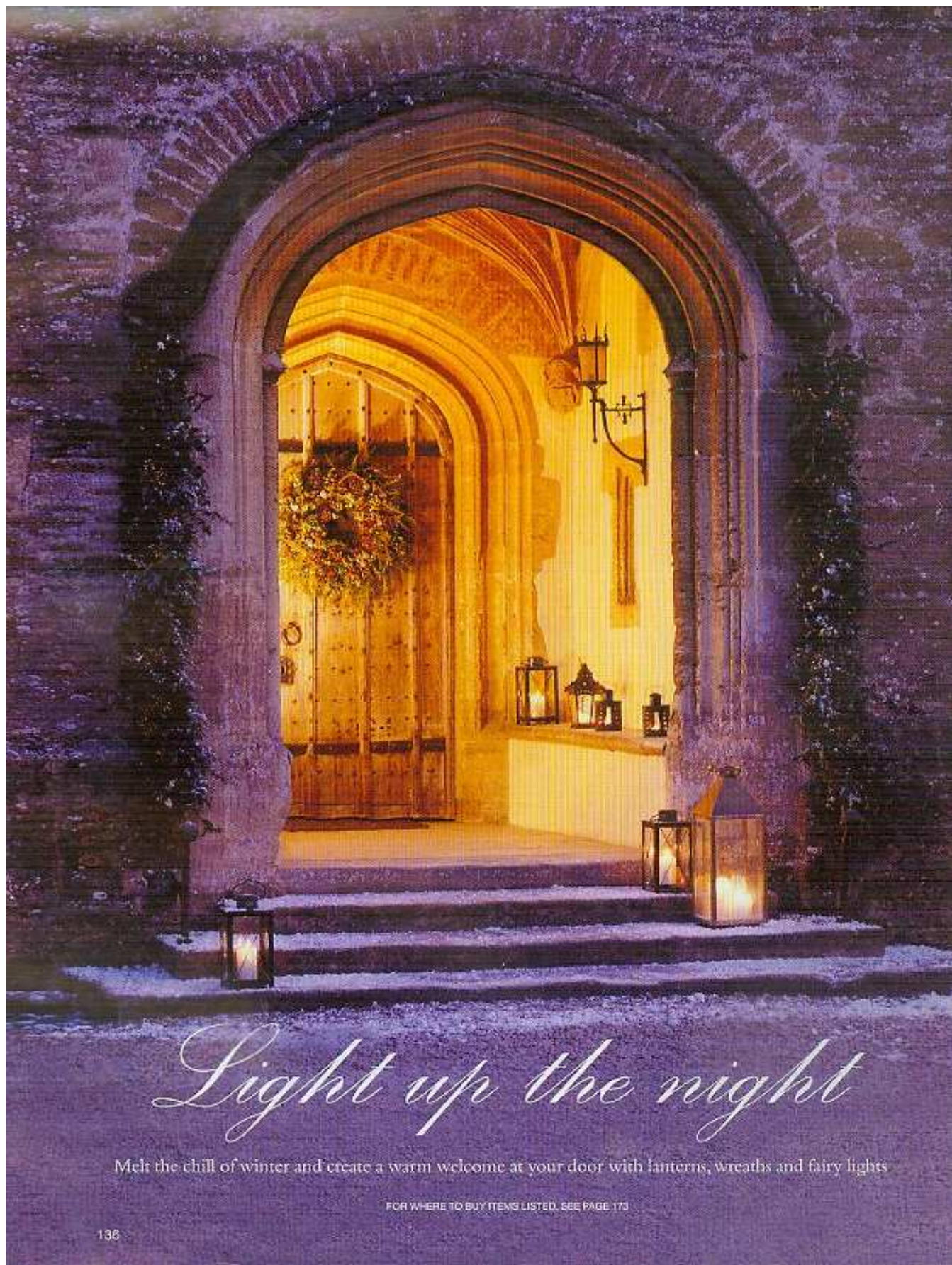
# *Christmas*

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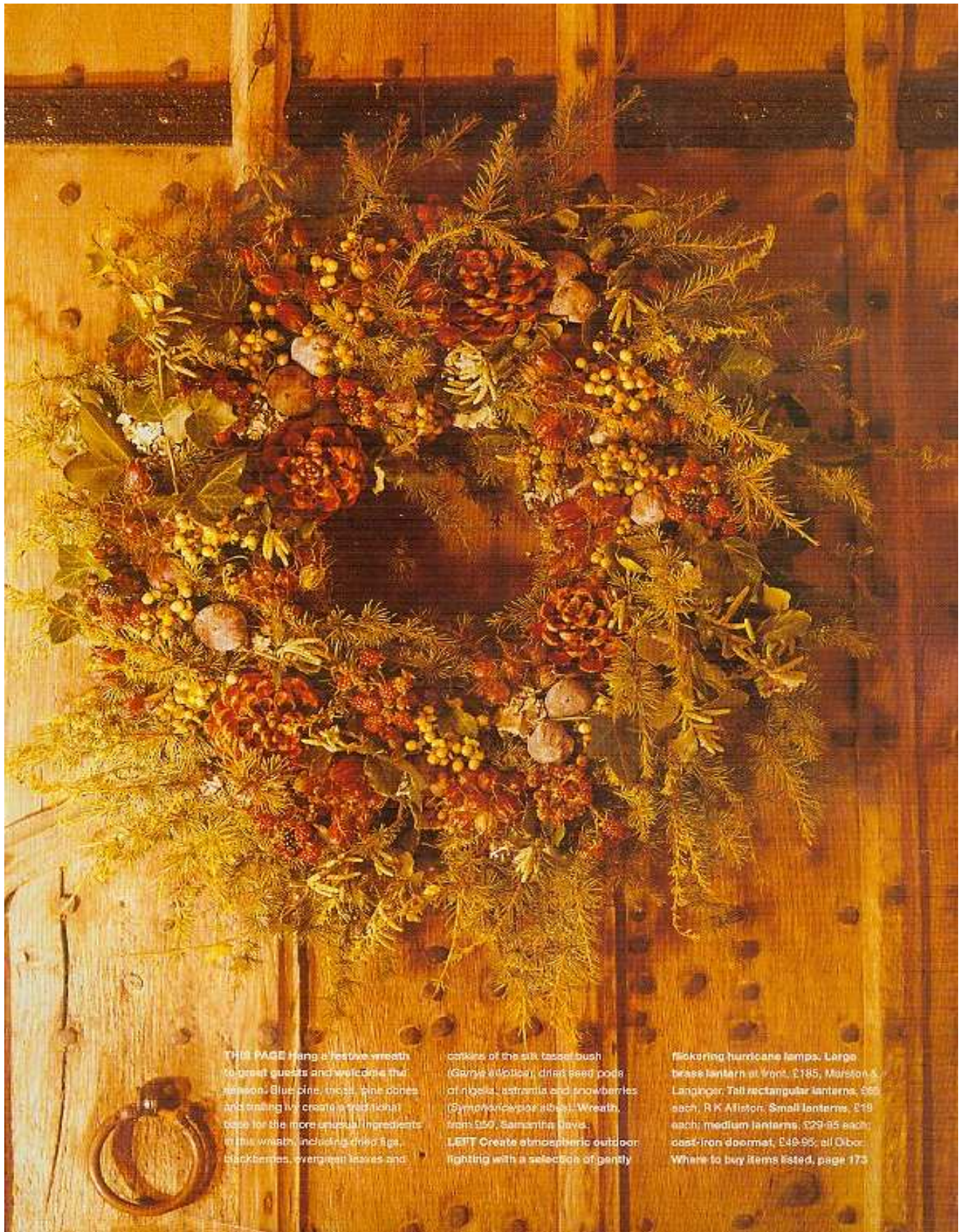


# *Light up the night*

Melt the chill of winter and create a warm welcome at your door with lanterns, wreaths and fairy lights

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**THIS PAGE** Hang a festive wreath to greet guests and welcome the season. Blue pine, moss, pine cones and dried ivy create a traditional base for the more unusual ingredients in this wreath, including dried figs, blackberries, evergreen leaves and

cones of the silk tassel bush (Garye Elliott); dried seed pods of nigella, astragalus and snowberries (Symonice/poa/abaci). Wreath, item 559, Samantha Davis. **LEFT** Create atmospheric outdoor lighting with a selection of gently

flickering hurricane lamps. Large brass lantern at front, £185, Marston & Langinger. Tall rectangular lanterns, £65 each, R K Allston. Small lanterns, £19 each; medium lanterns, £29-85 each; cast-iron doormat, £49.95, all Oloro. Where to buy items listed, page 173





*At dusk, light candles and switch on fairy lights  
on the veranda so they can be seen from outdoors*



**THIS PAGE** Fairy lights and tiny Vietnamese lanterns light up trailing plants, while glass tea-light holders are attached to the shrubs with ribbon and candles illuminate the pathway.

Fairy lights, £34-50 set, Ryness.  
Vietnamese lanterns, £34 set, Lisa & Cox.  
Glass tea-light holders, £3-95 each, The Conran Shop.  
Candles in glass containers, £2 each, Price's Candles.

**RIGHT** An entrance or gateway adorned with dramatic icicle fairy lights will look stunning on a frosty evening. Icicle hanging lights, £34-89 set, Ryness.  
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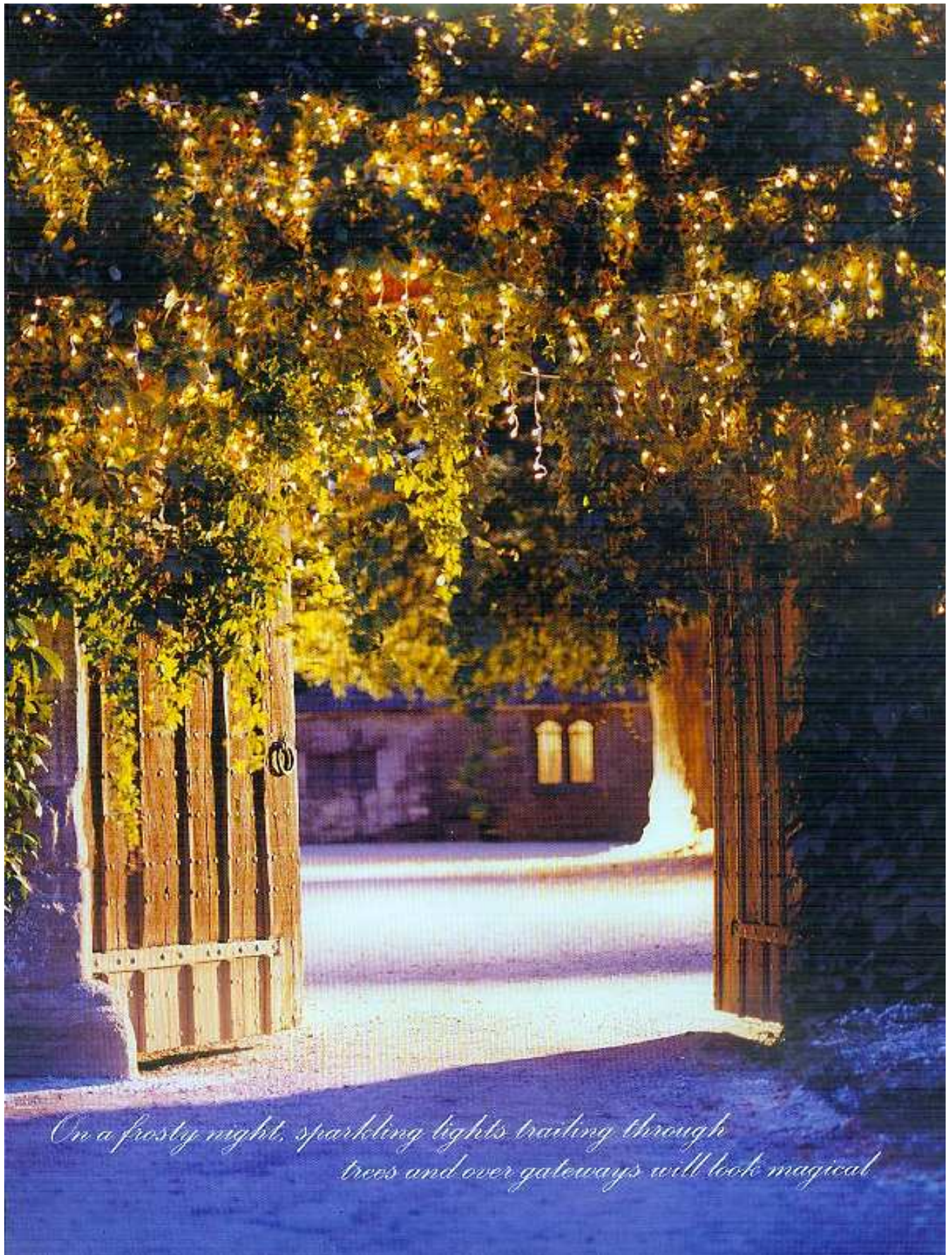
*Decorate a doorway with  
a bouquet for an elegant  
look and add fairy lights  
to a pair of box trees*

**ABOUT THE FLORIST**

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*On a frosty night, sparkling lights trailing through  
trees and over gateways will look magical*