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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RECIPE? My favourite holiday recipe would have to be my mother's tourtière. The smell of the filling when it's cooking brings me back to the warmth of Mom's kitchen and her love of Christmas celebrations. *Continued on page 72*



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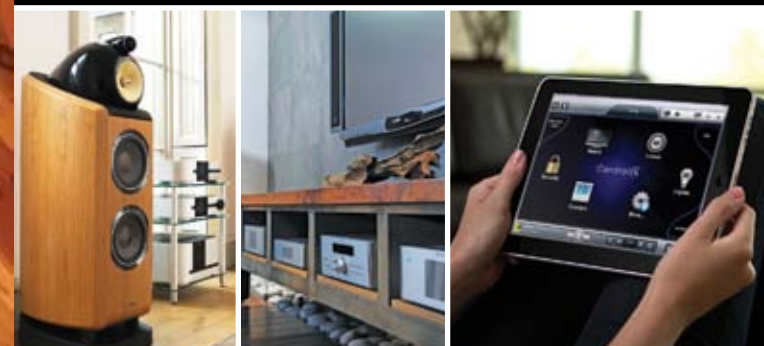
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