

Holiday Decorating Tips



- Before purchasing any new decorating supplies, determine what you already have as well as your plan of action.
- Donate items that you no longer want.
- Browse through magazines and the Web for ideas.
- Shop your home for everyday items that can be repurposed for the holiday season.
- Determine your color theme and carry this throughout your home.
- Use the 60-30-10 rule when using color. For example: If your color theme consists of red, green and gold, your red decorations would make up 60% of the color, green - 30%, and gold - 10%.
- Displaying items in odd numbers is usually more pleasing to the eye. Think 3-5-7 and remember to keep collections together for greater impact and visual interest.
- For an old-style “Williamsburg” look, use fruit in your arrangements indoors as well as outdoors.
- Look to nature for inspiration. A walk in the woods is not only great for the body and soul during this hectic season, but it is also an opportunity to gather pinecones, greenery and berries; all for FREE!
- Engage your children or grandchildren in helping out, allowing them to express their creative abilities.
- Look for opportunities to create holiday traditions with your family members.
- Dare to think outside the box.

Fun Ideas

- Dress your windows outside (or framed artwork inside) like a present.
- Decorate your chandelier with strands of colorful beads, ribbons and/or small ornaments.
- Adorn your birdfeeder with greenery, gazing ball and ornaments.
- Decorate a tree with hanging pinecones covered in peanut butter and birdseed (this is a great craft for kids.) Keep a “bird book” nearby so the kids can have fun researching the feathered friends that come and visit.

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