



This is the time to dig out the boxes and bins of holiday decorations.

Make a list of all the rooms and outdoor areas you'd like to decorate, and then prioritize. The front walkway may be more important than the second bathroom.

As you get the decorations out of storage keep them together in one corner of the room otherwise they'll get spread out and you won't be able to find what you're looking for.

Make a date to decorate.

Turn on the Christmas carols, heat up the hot cocoa and make a party out of it!

Don't forget to write hints and notes to yourself in your Holiday Helpbook! This is the perfect place to collect your thoughts on what décor items worked where.

Keep it simple; this saves money, time and stress. Choose a single standard color like silver, gold, red, green or white then accent with one other color. For example you might opt for most decor to be red with splashes of gold.

Remember you don't have to display everything every year. This year could be a homespun theme when you display the homemade ornaments and next year you could make it elegant with all white and silver.

As you unpack the items make a note of the history or story behind the item. Was the ornament a gift? Write from whom before you forget.



Fun and Festive FAST

1. Holiday throw pillows are an instant way to bring cheer to a room.
2. Bring the holiday celebration into every room. Kitchens and bathrooms are a great place to put scented candles and smaller seasonal knickknacks.
3. Height makes your décor more interesting. Add levels by slipping a box or two of various heights under a piece of fabric to hold your items like candles and figurines. You can also gift wrap spare boxes and use those to display items on.
4. Shredded coconut looks like snow and smells great. Sprinkle some around your holiday village or on a tray with ornaments and ribbon, for easy clean up lay a piece of clear wrap first.
5. Festive pillow cases make great chair covers, slide it over the back of the chair and secure with a ribbon.
6. Nothing makes a room feel warmer and more inviting than candlelight. Prefer not to have live flames? Battery operated candles are a great options and ones on a timer make life even easier!
7. Hang a mirror on the wall opposite a window to make any room appear larger. On the mirror you can add holiday clings.
8. Adding scent is one of the easiest ways to make your space festive. Think fresh pine, baking cookies, or peppermint. You can dab essential oils on to cotton balls and tuck them around. Or a wax tart burner is another good option.
9. Bring the outdoor in, twigs, greenery, leaves, and pinecones are a festive touch and won't cost a thing.
10. Look around in your kitchen for excess glassware, martini glasses look great filled with seasonal items.
11. Don't forget the doorknobs. Hang a ribbon with jingle bells or a mini wreath for instant fun.
12. Decor can be eatable, think vases filled with holiday foiled Hershey Kisses.

I'm a big fan of 3M Command hooks. They do come off without damaging the surface. They have spring clips to hold greeting cards, hooks for wreaths, picture hangers cord organizers and more.

Missing a décor item or two? Make a list of decor items (and measurements) so if you see them on sale you can pick them up or add them to your holiday wish list.



The Versatile Vase just fill a clear vase with festive items like:

1. foil wrapped chocolate kisses
2. sparkly ornaments
3. a bunch of bows and ribbon

Hint: As you swap out every day decor items for holiday themed items place the everyday items into the holiday bin.

Hide imperfections, this is not the time to take on a makeover of the dining room but you can hide a hole on the wall with a holiday photo.

Instead of removing everyday items you can holidayIZE them!

Pop a bow on everyday photo frames your throw pillows, tie a festive ribbon on lampshades, wrap your wall art in gift wrap and rehang.

Look up, hang ornaments from lighting fixtures like a chandelier or string them from ribbon in the window.

Look around and see what you already have in place, then just *sprinkle it* with holiday cheer!

