

Christmas Decor Guide

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It's our favorite time of year at House of Valentina: the fire is crackling, pine and cookies fill the air, and the old classics are playing (usually thanks to Jack). This year we're bringing heritage home in an updated way, with deep evergreen, burgundy, cognac and ivory, sugared fruit on the tree, equestrian touches like leather straps, brass buckles and tartan, and greenery gathered from our own yard. So pour yourself a coffee (or a glass of champagne!) and take a peek at a few of our favorite things this season, so you can bring a little of that House of Valentina magic into your own home.



O Christmas Tree

The tree is the heart of Christmas morning, so every year I hunt for the most realistic ones I can find: trees so lifelike you forget they aren't real, built to look just as beautiful year after year. Here are my favorites this season, from tall and statuesque to slim silhouettes for smaller spaces. Click any photo for a closer look.



PRE-LIT BLUE SPRUCE



PRE-LIT ASPEN FIR



PRE-LIT NORWAY SPRUCE



PRE-LIT SLIM BALSAM FIR



NORWEGIAN SPRUCE



PRE-LIT MILFORD PINE

Trim the Tree

Mix in baubles, berries and lots of natural elements to bring your tree to life with elegance, warmth, and a touch of magic!



BURGUNDY BERRY STEMS





GOLD MERCURY BALLS



BURGUNDY BALLS



PHEASANT FEATHERS



DRIED ORANGE SLICES

Trim the Tree

Add textures and a sense of timeless whimsy by combining fabric ornaments, dried fruit and sugared fruits.

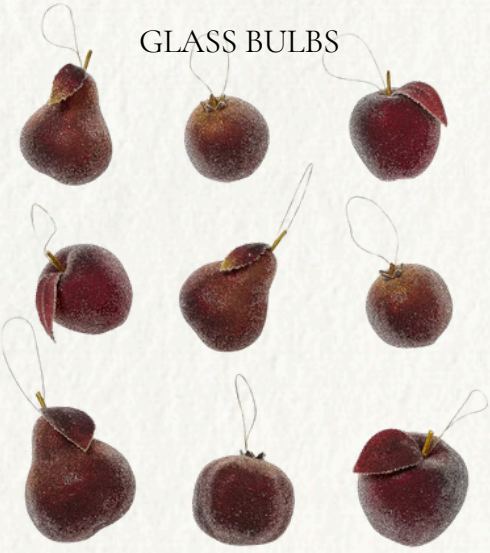


BEADED FABRIC ORNAMENTS





GLASS BULBS



SUGARED FRUIT ORNAMENTS



DRIED ORANGE SLICES



HINGED GLASS ORNAMENTS

Target Favorites

It's all the little details that create magic and make the room enchanting!



Target Favorites

You don't have to spend a fortune to make it magical. These Target finds prove a little sparkle goes a long way!



Walmart Favorites

Proof that cozy and enchanting can be affordable. These Walmart finds are the perfect holiday treasures!























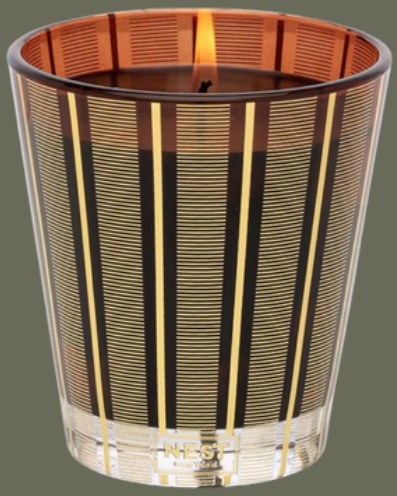






Christmas Candles

I have bought SO many candles over the years and these are the ALL STARS. These are THE BEST OF THE BEST, the creme de la creme! I genuinely believe that you will love any of these and they will fill your home with the fragrance of the holidays, of warmth, of love, and good cheer.



HEARTH



GINGERBREAD CHALET



SNOWBERRY



COZY CARDAMOM



FIRESIDE CINNAMON



BALSAM & CEDAR

Classic Christmas

Classic Christmas, done the timeless way: velvet bows, cognac leather, and lots of fresh green that feels like coming home.











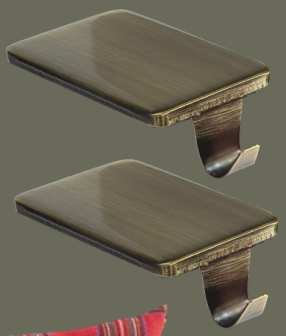


Classic Christmas

Tartan plaid, a little equestrian charm, and rich red and green. It's a classic Christmas straight out of a cozy country house!














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PLAID STOCKINGS



30" FAUX CEDAR WREATH

WHITE STEWART PLAID THROW



Christmas decor isn't just about the tree — it's about creating a whole mood. Every corner of the room should whisper the season, wrapped in cozy textures, glowing lights, and warm, layered details. When the entire space feels inviting and magical, that's when the holidays truly come alive.



FIRESIDE SPRUCE CANDLE



HURRICANE CANDLE HOLDER



BROWN CHECK PILLOW

SQUARE RATTAN BASKET



The Christmas Tree Planter



The tree is the heart of Christmas for me, and I love it most when it looks natural and effortless, like it was always meant to be there. This year we skipped the usual stands and set our trees in big rattan baskets, and honestly, it changed everything!

The woven texture feels warm and a little old-country-house while still looking fresh and modern, and it hides the stand so the whole corner feels grounded and cozy. It's such a simple swap, but every time we set one up I step back and think, "Yes. That's it."

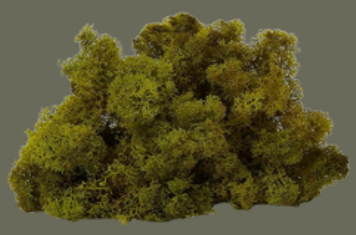
-PLACE THE UMBRELLA BASE INTO THE BASKET
-PLACE THE TREE INTO THE BASE AND TIGHTEN THE SCREW
-FILL IN AROUND THE BASE WITH PACKING MATERIAL OR BAGS
-COVER IT ALL WITH REINDEER MOSS
-MERRY CHRISTMAS!



UMBRELLA BASE



SQUARE RATTAN BASKET



REINDEER MOSS

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Our Garland Recipe

Garland is one of my favorite ways to add instant charm to a room. I put it everywhere: across the mantel, around doorways, up the stair railing, along the tops of cabinets, even over a big piece of art or along a console!



Here's my secret: I never leave garland the way it comes out of the box. I always start with a basic strand and build on it. I tuck in fresh clippings from the yard, a few pine cones, some sugared fruit, and a velvet ribbon or bow. Every strand ends up with its own texture and personality.



REAL TOUCH CEDAR GARLAND



PHEASANT FEATHERS



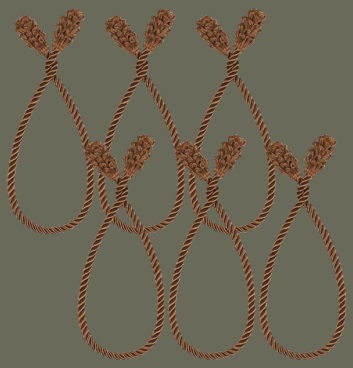
BURGUNDY BOWS



PINE CONE STEMS



BURGUNDY BERRIES



GARLAND TIES

The Christmas Toolbox

We love keeping a toolbox with all the essentials for decorating: twist-ties, suction cups, extra batteries....all of the practical things in one space.







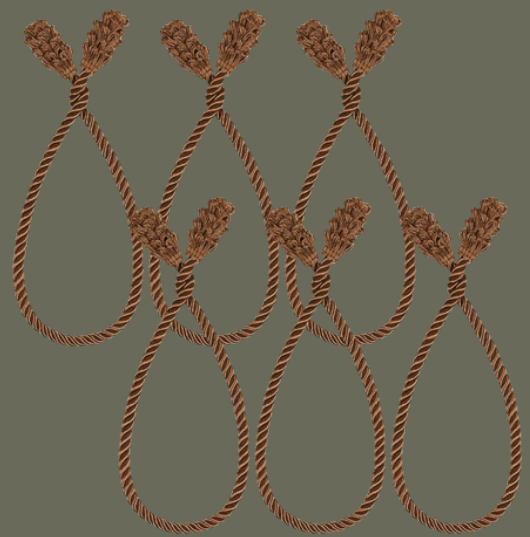












Celebrate the Day

Decorating for Christmas shouldn't feel like a chore—it should be a celebration. Light a candle, turn up the music, and pour yourself a cup of something delicious while you hang the garland. Sneak a treat (or several) in the afternoon, and when the lights finally twinkle just right, raise a glass of champagne to the beauty you've created. Because the joy isn't just in the finished room—it's in every moment along the way.



NESPRESSO VERTUO UP



MOET CHAMPAGNE



ICE BUCKET



SANTA MUGS

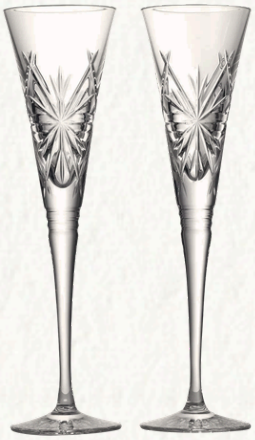


SHORTBREAD COOKIES





NESPRESSO PODS



SNOWFLAKE TOASTING FLUTES



COOKIE FILLED CHOCOLATES

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

We've celebrated Christmas on three continents. Some years there was snow falling softly past the windows. Other years the air was warm and humid, and the palm trees swayed outside. But wherever we were, every Christmas had one thing in common: a little bit of magic.

That's really what it's all about, isn't it? Magic is what makes a house feel like a home. It's candlelight flickering on the mantel, the old carols playing while you wrap gifts, and the cookie you sneak before the plate goes out. Over the years I've learned that this feeling doesn't just happen. You create it with small things: a wool throw over the arm of a chair, worn leather next to fresh greenery, the smell of pine and orange peel, the crackle of the fire. These are the things that whisper home.

Christmas has a way of slowing us down and pulling us back to what matters most. It asks us to really live in our homes. We linger by the fire a little longer, laugh a little louder around the table, and let the old traditions mix with the new ones we're making.

So let's make our homes as magical as they deserve to be: full of beauty, overflowing with love, and ready for every moment this season brings.



Merry Christmas

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