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Entertaining Holiday Decor

Planning for the holidays will ensure your home is decorated to perfection and eliminates pre-entertainment stress. Consider the following tips as you prepare for the upcoming festivities.

Colour Harmony

One of the biggest problems I see this time of year is a lack of cohesion between holiday items and the existing décor. Take inventory of your holiday accessories and evaluate their connectedness with the rooms you plan to use them in. Consider the colour on the walls and fabrics and eliminate any holiday pieces with clashing colours. When in doubt use chic tones like gold, white and silver that work with all colour schemes. This may mean some additional purchases but the rooms will look more restful and connected.

Dramatic Vignettes

Each room should have a focal point, for those with mantels consider displaying a collection of mercury glass urns and candleholders using varying heights and widths. Intersperse these with white pine branches and small ornaments in a complimentary colour to your decor. For a contemporary look create an asymmetrical arrangement by filling one tall glass vessel and one long rectangular glass vessel with current colours such as orange and/or purple ornaments and place these on one side of the mantel. Place a large branch of sandblasted manzanilla on the opposite side of the mantel for textural interest.

Dining rooms deserve some added attention this time of year; if you have light coloured upholstered chairs why not wrap a satin ribbon around each chair in a shade that ties in with the theme of the table setting. Tuck some evergreen boughs into the knot and wire a pinecone into the centre of each ribbon.

Create a tablescape instead of one large centerpiece. Have 3 to 5 glass vessels of varying sizes run the length of the table. Line the bottom thirds with faux ice and float anything from cranberries to orchids on the ice. Next, weave a swag of mixed greenery around each vessel and you will have a dramatic focal point for your dining table.

Christmas Tree Success

A dazzling Christmas tree requires lots and lots of tiny white lights which work with every colour scheme. Ornaments should also coordinate with the room's colour scheme and there should be a balance between round and vertically shaped pieces. And don't forget when wrapping gifts to use the same colours here too. If ornaments are teal and chartreuse use gold or silver paper and alternate tying each gift using teal and chartreuse ribbon.

Have a wonderfully chic holiday season!

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