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Simple Decorations Create Festive Ambiance

If you are like the majority of people, you do not have a lot of time during the holidays to make special decorations. You can make your holiday decorating quick and easy, while creating a festive atmosphere in your home without spending a lot of time and money, leaving you more time to enjoy the holiday season with your family. Here are some holiday-decorating tips that are inexpensive and will require little effort:

Tableware:

Use festive tableware for every meal during the month of December. Search your cupboards and drawers and get out anything that looks remotely festive. You can also shop discount and one-dollar stores and find many items for the holidays that you can use every year. You can add to your collection of holiday tableware each year and soon you will have many types of dishes that will make your holidays special. Seasonal dishcloths and hand towels work well, as do seasonal floor mats. If you use the towels for decoration only, like hanging from your oven door handle, they will still be nice for the next year.

Bows:

Try decorating with bows. Ribbons tied around chairs, plants, candlesticks, drapes, stairs and doorknobs make wonderful decorations. Place bows and ribbons in many locations throughout your home for a festive look that is quick and easy. The bows and ribbons do not have to be green and red. You can try many colors or match the bows and ribbons to the colors you have in your home.

Choose ribbons that you can reuse each year. When the holidays are over, pack the bows and ribbons carefully so that you can use them again and again.

Wreaths:

Put a holiday wreath on every door in your home. Use real pine, holly and

grapevine, and decorate with berries, fruit and pinecones. If you purchase artificial wreaths you will be able to use them year after year.

Candles:

Arrange many candles around the room and turn the lights off during holiday meals. You will create a special, festive atmosphere that will be remembered and anticipated by your family each year. A fire in the fireplace each night will add to the holiday spirit. You

can also arrange candles in your bathroom and around your bathtub. Watch small children carefully when you decorate with candles. Make sure to put out plenty of scented potpourri and scented oils in various locations throughout your home, too.

Holiday decorating does not have to be difficult or expensive. Simple decorations throughout your house will make fond memories for your family and will be anticipated year after year.

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Stylish Ways to Save on Heating Costs

Portable heaters can help homeowners cut their heating bills and add to the look of their homes. It may be true that style is not the first word that comes to mind when thinking about portable heaters, but new, attractive models and designs mean homeowners don't have to sacrifice looks for lower heating costs.

Sleek lines and modern design dominate today's home décor. Taking their cue from iPods and flat-screen televisions, designers are staying on trend and creating products that will blend seamlessly into any room of the house. Portable heaters are no exception. Companies that create portable heaters are following suit and presenting consumers with fashion-forward models that not only take the edge off high heating costs, but add a splash of style in the process.

Last season, portable heaters became an extremely hot commodity as a way to efficiently and affordably warm the winter chill. Spot heating helps minimize the cost of heating bills by allowing owners to warm one room at a time, rather than heating the entire home at once; but while consumers reaped the benefits of lower heating bills last season, stylish rooms were often sacrificed in the process. This year, guests might mistake a portable heater for a flat-screen television; or a friend might point out the new surround-sound system in the living room only to learn that it is actually a heater.

So rather than suffer the cold in the name of style or cringe when you see your portable heater this winter, beat frigid temperatures while enhancing a room's décor with the latest portable heater designs.

Travel Smart This Holiday Season

by *Judy Wilson*

The holidays are just around the corner, and now is the time to start planning your holiday-travel strategy. It's easier to get air travel and hotel reservations if you book well in advance of your trip. This usually assures you of securing the lowest-priced airline seats, hotel rooms and rental cars that usually sell out quickly for holiday travel. Be aware that prices generally escalate during the holiday season, as demand is higher.

If at all possible, avoid peak travel days. The busiest days to fly are those immediately before and after the actual holidays. If you can, book your flights two days before and after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

Choose a nonstop flight if available, or one involving the fewest connections and stops. Every time your plane touches the ground during peak travel times, the possibility of delays due to inclement weather

or air-traffic problems increases. Also, it's best to book morning flights, which tend to be delayed less often than afternoon departures. Secure advance seat assignments to insure you are sitting with your family on the plane.

During the holidays, flights are sometimes overbooked so it's critical to check in early. Domestic travelers should arrive at the airport two hours prior to departure and international travelers should arrive three hours in advance.

Packing light saves time and energy. One tip for packing lighter is to ship your gifts to your destination ahead of time. If you choose not to send your gifts ahead, then do not wrap them before the flight. With safety a priority for all airlines, security personnel will need access to all items.

Keep a positive attitude, but also be ready for setbacks. Delays happen, and airlines do the best they can to keep their schedules on time.



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