

# Getting Festive Ready...



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Like many of us, we like to transform our everyday interior spaces into a festive wonderland this time of year. Whether you are hosting family gatherings or throwing a holiday party, attention to detail and a few creative touches can make your home warm and welcoming

Preparing for the holidays isn't just about décor; it's about creating a comfortable, welcoming environment where people want to linger, and celebrate. With a few thoughtful changes, your home can feel festive, stylish, and ready to entertain. Here are a few of our quick decorating tips for getting your home holiday-ready

## Start with a Colour Story

Before decorating, think about your home's existing tones and finishes. A cohesive palette helps everything feel intentional rather than overdone. Classic red, green, and gold will always feel timeless, but I often encourage clients to experiment with softer, more modern combinations. Ivory and champagne feel refined, while blush paired with deep burgundy or forest green adds warmth. Keep your colours flowing through every room to create a sense of continuity.

## Switch Up the Textures

Texture plays a huge role in how a space feels, especially during the winter months. Swapping out lightweight pillows and throws for plush velvets, boucle, or faux furs instantly adds richness and comfort. I love using tactile layers that invite people to sit and stay awhile. Even something as simple as a cashmere throw over the back of a chair or a new pair of velvet cushions can make your living area feel refreshed and festive.

## Rethinking Furniture Flow

When it comes to entertaining, furniture placement can make or break the atmosphere. Before guests arrive, step back and look at how your space flows. Move chairs slightly to create open walkways, and remove any extra furniture that makes the room feel crowded. I often create small conversation zones—clusters of chairs or an ottoman around a side table—to encourage movement and interaction.

Think about how guests will transition from one area to another. You might set up a small bar or appetizer station away from the kitchen to keep traffic flowing. Even a console table with glassware and candles can become a welcoming focal point that naturally draws people in.

## Get the Goerne with Tablescape

The dining table is where the magic of entertaining really comes alive. Set it a day ahead so you can enjoy styling without any last-minute rush. Layer your table linens, plates, and glassware thoughtfully, keeping to your chosen colour story. For centerpieces, I often prefer simple arrangements—clusters of candles, greenery, or flowers that feel natural and low enough to allow conversation across the table.



## Light for Atmosphere

Lighting sets the tone more than anything else. In winter, softer, layered lighting creates instant warmth. Dim your overhead fixtures and rely on lamps, candles, and fairy lights instead. Scatter votives across surfaces, add a lantern to your entryway, and tuck small twinkle lights into bowls with ornaments or pinecones for a subtle glow. These details create ambience and make every corner feel special.



## Food and Drinks with Style

To keep your kitchen from becoming the center of attention, set up a designated drink or snack station elsewhere. A sideboard or bar cart works beautifully and adds to the décor. With a little planning, your home can become a space that feels both elegant and effortless. The holidays are about connection and comfort, and thoughtful design helps set that tone.