

A fresh look at holiday décor

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Can you believe the holidays are upon us? We haven't even finished off all the Halloween candy and the stores are already bombarding us with Christmas décor.

Well, as the saying goes, "If you can't beat them, join them!" So today I wanted to share some thoughts on how to bring some holiday cheer into your home without it necessarily looking like Santa's workshop.

I have clients ask after we have created a beautiful new space for them, "How will I decorate for Christmas and still coordinate with my new décor?" While I love all things red and green just as much as the next person, sometimes this bright palette can clash with your space. I prefer to use everyday items you already have and pull colors from your décor. I am also a believer in keeping it simple.

I use three simple elements in my holiday decorating: fresh greenery, ribbon and glass ornaments.

For the coffee table we used a silver tray filled with gold and silver ornaments surrounding silver candlesticks and tucked in a few fresh sprigs of greenery. During the day, the ornaments gave off a wonderful shimmer and in the evenings we enjoy the candlelight.

In the dining room I went with bold color, but not the usual red and green. Here I used dinner plates in cobalt blue, emerald green and gold and layered them on top of a bold graphic black and white runner. ... continued on page D8

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