

Magnificent Mantles



Here are some basic design suggestions that will help you create a magnificent mantle this season.

1. Decide on a theme for the room. Whether the style is glitz or rustic charm, you should have enough accents to exemplify the design. If your tree is in the same room, it should follow a similar theme.

2. Place a base of fresh or everlasting greens on the mantle. Everlasting

garlands can be very realistic and unlike fresh greens will last through the season.

To prevent nicks and scrapes from various decorative items, cut a piece of plywood the same size as the mantle then affix a matching moulding (eg. white on white) to the front and sides of the plywood. Use tiny wood screws to affix the plywood to the mantle. This base provides a space you can affix greens to without marring the surface of the mantle.

3. Place your main focal piece(s) up first. Whether a mirror, large wreath or a group of figures, be sure the item(s) is large enough to create visual impact.

4. Add accessories to complement your main focal piece. Smaller items should be grouped, larger items can be placed alone. A vase filled with florals, candles or even personal items that have been collected can be used - the choices are endless. Try to avoid duplicating the same look on both ends of your mantle; an unbalanced design accents most homes nicely.



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5. For a finishing touch add small accents such as floral stems, berries and twigs, ball ornaments or bold textured leaves.

While your fireplace adds a cozy warmth to your living space, the mantle provides the perfect spot to display decorative items. Considering your mantle is such a strong element, the decor you choose for the fireplace should be consistent throughout the room. For instance, if your tree and fireplace are in the same room, their decor should compliment, rather than compete with each other.



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