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Decorating Secrets

Candy

The wonderful thing about candy is that it's colorful, inexpensive and readily available. Partially fill several glass cylinders of varying sizes with seasonal sweets. For fall, candy corn or mallow pumpkins and acorns work well and can be easily switched to ribbon or rock candy in solid reds or greens for Christmas. Complete the look by nestling a coordinating candle held in a glass, votive candle holder in the center. Jelly beans, red hots and conversation hearts work well to take this idea into the spring and summer months.

Baubles, Beads and Shiny Objects

Don't underestimate using what you have lying around the house either. Vintage jewelry and pins can make for interesting focal points on garlands and wreaths. Old fashioned, shiny Christmas ball ornaments take on a modern flair when layered in single colors inside vases of varying shapes and sizes. A package of craft beads or pearls can be glued to the rim of jars or unique bottles to add interest without fuss.

With some basic elements and a bit of imaginative thinking, you can transition your holiday décor with ease. Think of the storage space you'll save! Not to mention the time it takes to pack things away when it's all said and done. ♦



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The Color Purple

Purple is the new "it" color for 2010. Las Vegas, Registered Interior Designer Andrea Vollf (www.andreavollf.com) creates a simple, yet elegant tablescape designed to keep your holiday color palate up to date, without spending a lot of money.

- A clean slate for decorating begins with a crisp, white table cloth, layered with rich, purple placemats or chargers and white place settings.
- Fill three tall, glass cylinders with approximately two inches of river rock. Stand fresh lavender and salvia plants in the rocks, positioning to remain upright.
- Carefully fill the cylinders with water, covering the top of each plant while varying the water levels in each container to create visual interest.
- Place a floating candle in each cylinder.
- Randomly scatter glass floral beads and votive candles along the tabletop to create a sparkling, reflective glow.