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Invest in fresh flowers for a party.

Designer [Philip Mitchell](#) doesn't cheap out on faux flowers for the holidays — he can't resist the fresh scents of pine and fresh flowers. "My partner Mark and I generally entertain a great deal and there's something wonderful about fresh greens/flowers throughout our home and office," he says. "Though it's more expensive and a little more work to maintain the scent and texture of fresh pine, flowers and magnolia leaves, they definitely complete our holiday decorating. We lean towards mostly green and red flowers (like these amaryllis) during the holidays — being traditionalists at heart."

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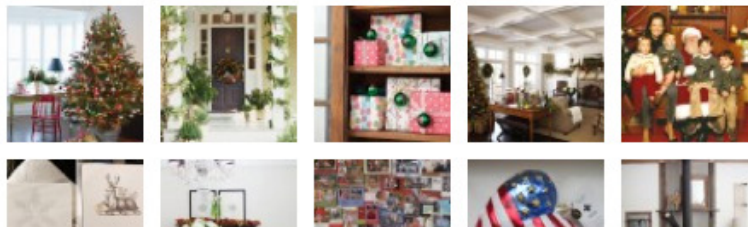


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Nutcrackers

Group holiday collectibles for impact.

"We display nutcrackers that Mark started collecting a number of years ago — gifts from friends and family and others we have purchased on trips abroad," says Mitchell. "It's always nice to be able to enjoy this display and the sentiment attached to it during the holidays."

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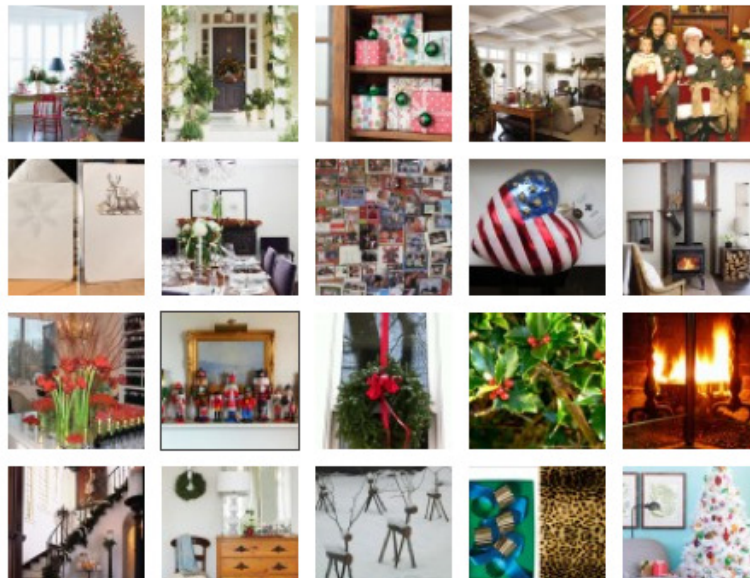


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Window Wreaths

Adorn exterior windows.

"We like to add fresh pine wreaths to all of our exterior windows," says Mitchell. "It has an enormous impact on passersby, as well as any holiday guests we have."

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Fresh Holly

Plant holly in your garden for fresh greenery come Christmas.

"We have always planted an abundance of holly bushes in our gardens," says Mitchell. "That way we have plenty to cut from when the holiday season rolls around, as well as having some lovely red accents with those berries in our garden."

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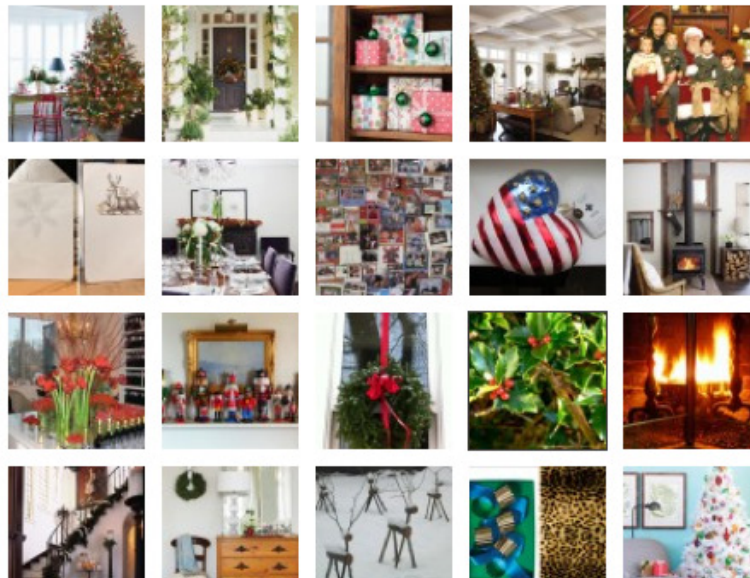


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Cozy Fireplace

Stock up your woodpile this season.

"There is almost always a wood burning fire going in our house throughout the month of December," says Mitchell. "It's so wonderfully inviting and brings such a sense of warmth to our living room for us and our guests. It cuts down on the heating bills, as well."

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