

The Decorating News



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Decorating with Natural Elements

Natural elements are simply things found in nature. We are surrounded by so many beautiful decorations that grow naturally and can often be found as close as our own backyards! Here is a list to get you started thinking about what natural elements are available:

- Cedar, pine and evergreen boughs
- Holly (caution berries are poisonous- harmful if swallowed)
- Mistletoe
- Poinsettias
- Cinnamon sticks
- Rhododendron Leaves

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IRIS has partnered with the National Ovarian cancer coalition (NOCC) to "Break the Silence" about ovarian cancer with public awareness and education. To ensure that women currently in treatment for ovarian cancer have a comfortable and harmonious room in their home in which to focus on rest and wellness, redesigners across the US are volunteering their time, talents and skills to create such "havens". If you are, or know of, a woman undergoing treatment, contact Roberta at 360.471.HOME



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Fun with Table Runners



Table runners can be so versatile. This same table runner was used not only on the table but also as a chair back decoration and a valance! The runners were found for only \$2 each at a local discount store. This creates a very unified look that can be changed for each season. If you find your table runner to be a little long for your chair, simply pin the sides up to create a pocket and decorate with your favorite trimmings.

Table runners ~ what a great invention! These wonderful finished fabric pieces come in so many lengths, styles and finishes, the creative possibilities are endless!



This quick window treatment was created by clipping a table runner to a curtain rod by using clip rings. Clip rings can be found anywhere window treatment hardware is sold and comes in many sizes and colors. The window treatment was finished off by topping with a berry/greenery garland.

Roberta's Favorites!

Thanks to the creative talents of Tamara Hanks of Hanks Design (www.hanksdesign.net), Anderson Homes Redesigned LLC now has a logo! With great skill she gave me the look I had dreamed of but wasn't able to put to paper! Tammy also worked with me to redesign my web site. Please visit our site, www.AndersonHomesRedesigned.com and take a look around; you may even see a familiar room or comment, *yours!*



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- Limes
- Cranberries
- Nuts
- Logs
- Pine Cones
- Oranges
- Red and Green Apples
- Lemons
- Sticks

Now that you have gathered all your natural elements, here are a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing:

-One great way to have both a Christmas tree to decorate your home for a month and the fresh smell of a "real tree" is to use an artificial tree for decorating and cuttings of pine and evergreen boughs arranged around your home for the great smell. If you don't happen to have a pine or cedar tree accessible to get your cuttings from, go to a location where "real Christmas trees" are sold. Most have cuttings that they consider trash and will happily give them to you, by request, free of charge.

-Gather a bunch of sticks and tie them to your curtain rod, covering it completely. The sticks alone make a great window decoration but if you wish, you can add greenery and berries for a very festive look.

-Place a pillar candle in a bowl and surround with cranberries or nuts.

-If using natural elements seem too "woody" for you; spray them with silver, gold or white spray paint for a more elegant look.

-Add depth to your artificial holiday garland by adding a few rhododendron leaves, Oregon grape leaves, salal, pinecones, holly berries or any other evergreen foliage from your yard.

-Simply placing jars filled with water and cuttings of holly sprigs around your home can be very beautiful.

-Cut the tops out of several apples and place tea-light candles in them. Arrange the apples in a line down the center of your dining table.

-Cut small sprigs from a cedar tree, a boxwood, and a holly. Attach the cuttings to your window panes with the handy wax that you use to keep your taper candles straight. Add candles or pinecones to hide the stems, this is very simple and quite festive.

-Having a holiday party? Add a festive touch. Thoroughly wash several lemons, limes and cranberries. Place the fruit in the freezer. Right before your party, place the fruit in a large punch bowl or clear glass beverage dispenser. Fill with your favorite punch, tea or even water. The frozen fruit keeps the beverage cool and looks great!

