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Overcoming the Winter Blues

Okay, the holidays are over...the decorations are put away and the house looks so drab. Unfortunately, this is the downside of this time of year. Let's see what we can do to make the winter months more pleasurable.

If your home lacks a fireplace buy one of those great fireplace screens that have the votive cups mounted right on the screen. By hanging the screen on the wall, you create a visual warmth when the candles are burning.

Remember, don't save candles just for company.

Enjoy them yourself, because you are worth it!



Check out the stores and buy some marked down bulbs in pots that were ready to be forced for Christmas. **Tulips, amaryllis, hyacinths, what a great way to bring color and fragrance into your home!**

Most of them are sitting at your local home decorating stores wanting a home in which to bloom.

It's January, a time when most of us put ourselves on a diet.

How about putting your home on a diet? Eliminate

the extra poundage that has built up around the house...old magazines, junk mail, newspapers, old clothes that you are sure you will fix, mend or repair someday...

(you won't)...throw them out or recycle them. Your home will thank you and then when you are ready to start a new decorating project, you won't be working around as much clutter.

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Roberta's Favorite!



Robin Weiss is a friend whose work I love. I am the proud owner of *Rose Cascade* and I wish I owned *Two Crows!* You can view more of Rob's wonderful work, and purchase it at

<http://inpleinair.blogspot.com/>

Rob also creates delightful birdhouses

for "birds to live in style"! You can see the birdhouses and purchase them at <http://alderbogbirdhouse.blogspot.com/>



Creating Cozy Spaces

It seems these days, new homes are being built spaciouly with tall ceilings and are often designed with very open floor plans. This type of arrangement seems wonderful until it is time to furnish the space. All of the sudden, those large walls seem overwhelming and cause the room to lack the feeling of being "cozy". What is the solution? Should large 10-12 ft walls be decorated all the way up?

There is a fairly easy solution to this type of situation. When decorating a tall wall, use tall furniture. When decorating a wide wall, use wide furniture. This seems like such a simple solution and it really is. Let's look at some before and after pictures of a room with tall ceilings.



This is a living room in a two story house. This living room is opened up all the way through to the 2nd story. The tallest wall in the house is the one in which the fireplace is located.

In this before picture (left), the homeowner placed a very small chair in the corner and filled the wall surrounding the chair with many pieces of artwork. Because this arrangement was not working, the artwork was taken down.

In the after picture (right), you see a beautiful tall cabinet, one which was underused in another part of the room, was moved into the corner. This large piece of furniture was exactly what was needed to fill the space and bring the ceiling down to create a cozier room. Partnered with a comfy reading chair, lamp and a few accessories, this living room became very inviting.



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This as a great time of year to buy new sheets and bed linens. Treat yourself to at least one set of really good sheets and not the least expensive ones either. Look at the thread count. Sheets that feel good against your body should have a minimum thread count of 200 and made of 100% cotton. The really good sheets are made of Egyptian cotton and can run as high as \$3000.00 a set, YEP, that was \$3000.00. This makes the bed sheets at Target look not so expensive after all!