

Holiday Decorating

Six Last-Minute Ideas to Deck the Halls (and Two Tips for Christmas 2009!)

1 Transform an ornament into a vase.

Take the top and hanger off a Christmas ball ornament, fill the ornament with water, put fresh flowers in the top opening.

—JoAnne Lenart-Weary of *One Day Decorating*, as heard on the GMI webinar, "Holiday Decorating for Passion and Profit"

2 Go green.

"Use natural greenery and garlands. ... Dress the house with fresh florals and garlands. I especially love magnolia leaves."

—Vicki Posey, *Legacy Design Group*, Roswell, Ga.

3 Wrap it up.

"Make 'presents' out of your throw pillows. Take beautiful ribbon (or make your own wide ribbon from fabric) and wrap the pillow as you would tie a present with ribbon and create a beautiful bow on top."

—Diane Leone, *C.I.D., Marketing Edge*

4 Add drama on a porch.

Create "side panels" with strings of lights tied back on a porch entry. Improve on it by adding pine roping to the light strands or tulle to give it a softer look. Use bows for the tiebacks. Very simple, but very impactful.

—JoAnne Lenart-Weary, *One Day Decorating*

5 Breathe new life into fabrics.

Velvet and other winter fabrics such as velveteen, chenille and corduroy get crushed easily in storage. Restore their original beauty and avoid crushing the pile with a velvet ironing pad.

—Rowley Company *Technical Service Team*

6 Repurpose a Christmas card.

Using a scanner or photocopy machine, enlarge beautiful Christmas cards—either new cards or favorites you've saved from previous seasons—and slip the new images into elegant readymade mattes and frames. It's quick and easy and adds instant holiday style.

—Sheri O'Meara, *editor, WF Vision*



Add some holiday cheer to your bare walls with MissPrint's new seasonal snowflakes wall vinyl collection.

7 Think ahead to holiday season 2009.

"Offer holiday dec workshops for the DIY person—because that's the same people who are going to hire you. Why not tell them how to do it? It doesn't matter if you know how to make a pizza. At some point during the month, you're going to order a pizza. It's the same with holiday decorating."

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8 Plan to deck the walls next year.

MissPrint of London has just announced a new seasonal snowflakes collection of wall vinyl—available in five colors including metallic gold and silver. Instant holiday wall art. MissPrint Products are all designed and hand-printed in a small East London studio by Yvonne and Rebecca Drury. **V**

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