

# *Top 10 Christmas Decorating Tips*

....from Colourblind Design

10. Prepare the space for decorating....remove of all accessories, cushions etc. that will be replaced by Christmas decorations. Store in one place (clear a shelf in the hall cupboard) for easy return ...Start with a clean slate. Put on some music to get you in the mood. Get the tree in place with the lights on....now you're ready for the fun part!!! And could you change the kind of tree you usually use? I now use a smaller one on a table top...
9. Favourite tree topper: Feathers are hot this year....not just in earrings and women's accessories. Use "picks" like the curly sticks in golds or silver and fan them out in a burst of glitz from the top. Then nestle a brilliant peacock or other favourite topper into the spray of picks. Tuck other picks throughout the tree. They are inexpensive and showy and will replace the more traditional tinsel. Pier 1 has a great selection.
8. Choose a colour theme...pick gold or silver and one or two colours, like purple which is huge this year and paired with aqua and bright green...It's stunning!~ Choose a theme for the tree. Last year I used all shoes and purse ornaments. Every year we give Madelynn a special ornament...so one year...I just used those on the tree.
7. Mix up luxe glass ornaments with plastic ones and hang them with fish line from the ceiling over the dining table or sideboard.
6. Fill a beautiful bowl or oversized martini glasses with real pomegranates or honey tangerines.
5. Fill the senses...Sight, Sound, Smell, Touch (texture) ....Fragrance...light candles, use cedar boughs & paper whites...put on your favourite Xmas album...Elvis or Buble...
4. Fresh flowers...a lovely addition to any room. Try long lasting red gerba's or white tulips. Red carnations look great with cedar boughs and holly mixed in and last a long time.
3. Hang a beautiful wreath in front of a mirror.
2. Coffee table centrepiece...For instant glitz use mirror tiles or a mirror "platter" for your centrepiece which will reflect the light. Try lining a bowl with magnolia leaves and tucking gorgeous glass balls among them. Add candles..and crystals and pearls.
1. Table gifts....for dinner guests over the holidays. Use a theme like their favourite candy or a book that suits each personality or something sparkly like a little purse holder. Wrap them up to work in with the colour of the table décor and use them for name place cards. Let your imagination go and your dinner guests will love it!

**Most importantly....have a fun filled time doing this! Surrounded by friends and family you love!**

**Tune back in Dec 17<sup>th</sup> for more ideas on setting the Xmas dinner table and unique ways of wrapping up the gifts. We'll talk about really Personalizing Christmas...versus buying the roll of gift wrap!**