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*Merry Christmas
and a Happy and
Prosperous New
Year to all my
Friends and Clients*

*Your ideas and
suggestions for
the following
issues are
always
welcome*

*Please take a
moment to
check out my
website:*

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Style File: Christmas Decorations

There can be no Christmas without Christmas decorations! Christmas decorations date all the way back to the old Christmas markets in 16th century Germany. In those days, Christmas food, such as sugar rods, honey cakes, and other Christmas candy, were particularly used as Christmas decorations. In the 18th century, many other kinds of Christmas decorations became popular. Among them were glazed paper, colored paper, and those which contain candies, nuts, cakes, raisins, and fruits. Today, many different kinds of Christmas decorations are known. Here are a few:



Angels: As early as the mid-1880's, using angels as Christmas decorations became widespread. Angles are associated with the Christian culture, but are also known in Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Judaism, where angels or beings similar to angels are used as messengers.

Christmas balls: As far back as three hundred years ago, glass balls were already used as Christmas decorations. Today, the big, shiny balls of thin plastic or glass are used. They were originally invented in Germany.

Christmas candles: To decorate the Christmas tree with Christmas candles is a tradition that dates back to the 16th century – the time when the Christmas tree was first brought into a living room. The candle symbolizes life and joy in a dark time, and is perfect for Christmas.

Tinsel: In 1610, tinsel was invented in Germany and was made from genuine silver. Machines that shredded silver into thin tinsel-sized strips were invented. However, since silver tinsel tarnishes and loses its shine over time, people eventually created artificial replacements. It must be noted that the original inventor of tinsel remains unknown.

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Furniture Tips: Bar Cart for Your Holiday Entertaining

A **bar cart** is a great way to accessorize a room and create a gorgeous and festive vignette, party or no party. But since it is party season, a bar cart can be your best party pal. Not only can you mix outrageous cocktails on it, but it also lets you serve them up alongside your guests.

These tiered trolleys have been going strong since the very first Mad Men character splashed the ice cubes in a crystal tumbler. They knew how to pour a drink in style in the swinging '60s. A stylish bar cart is a sure way to bring some of that sexy, sophisticated vibe to your holiday bash.



Décor Ideas: Inviting Guest Rooms

Please let me know if you would like to be removed from the receiving list

- Prepare the guest room a day before the guests arrive so you aren't hurrying at the last minute. This makes the guests feel more welcome.
- Be sure the linens on the bed are fresh and inviting. Tuck a dryer sheet under the pillows between visits to eliminate any old musty smells.
- Provide a surface for guests to place their luggage so they don't have to rely on the bedspread.
- Lay out bathrobes and place rolled bath towels at the foot of the bed in case your guests would like to freshen up upon arrival.
- If your overnight guests are family or close friends, it's always a nice touch to display photos of time spent together in the past; everyone enjoys a trip down memory lane.
- Simple indulgences in the bathroom such as fresh flowers, candles and samples from the local day spa make guests feel welcome.
- Have backups of bathroom essentials such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo, in case your guests forget theirs.