

Holiday Decorating Tips

If It Can Hold Water, It Can Hold Flowers

(NAPSA)—Ideas bloom around the holidays, especially when families use flowers to express their decorating creativity. To make it more fun, while adding an element of surprise, start out by collecting all the things around your house that can hold water. Here's a short list to get your creative ideas going:

- Old watering cans, enamelware pitchers, cast iron kettles, antique coal hods and teapots make great bases for doorstep arrangements, country kitchens or baths.

- Ready for a fun and creative project? Collect an assortment of plain bottles, vases or containers and decorate them with fabric, ribbons, paint, sequins or even gift wrap. Make each design unique or come up with a special motif.

- A row of champagne glasses with a large blossom in each make any dinner an elegant occasion. Soda bottles, wine bottles, mason jars or colored glass bottles are great for a more casual affair and are also attractive clustered on a coffee table.



Flowers during the holidays not only add beauty and an element of surprise, they have more practical uses, such as covering up that ding on your dining room table.

- Use bowls and shallow dishes for floating flower heads and add floating candles for a bright and shining effect.

- Here's a great cover-up. Use flowers to hide unsightly flaws. A ding on your living room wall? Put a table in front and a container of flowers to mask it until you have the time to repair and paint. A water stain on your mahogany side table? Cover it with a container of your favorite cut stems.

The idea of decorating a home with flowers is timeless and the possibilities are endless. For more decorating ideas, visit the Web site, www.flowerpossibilities.com.