

Holiday Decorating Tips

Sheer Delights In Home Décor

(NAPSA)—Homes, for the holiday, are opening a new window on decorating ideas. That is, they're decking the windows as well as the halls and walls.

For example, notes New York florist Stan Epps, "Birch will be very popular for window décor as well as pinecone wreaths and other earthy ornaments made of nuts or twigs," from Thanksgiving right up through New Year's. He also recommends white amaryllis for Hanukkah and the "retro" look of tinsel for Christmas trees.

Garlands attached to swags and jabots can be an elegant and inexpensive window accent. Garlands can even be used as tiebacks for drapes. Says Sally Morse, Director of Creative Services for Hunter Douglas, "Many of today's holiday ornaments are too pretty to hide on the tree." She suggests instead, you hang them on your windows—or from the chandelier.

Other tips from Morse include adding velvet to a window fashion for a look that's both cheerful and classic and adding lace side panels and valances to give an old-fashioned look to modern blinds and shades.

"In addition to the usual holiday decorations," says Kim Kiner, Vice President of Product Design for Hunter Douglas, "window treatments can both personalize and beautify the house this season." She suggests super energy-efficient Duette® honeycomb shades that can help insulate the house from the cold while bringing in a soft, diffuse light.

Available in Christmas reds and greens as well as a "fireworks" pattern featuring flecks of gold for a sparkle of elegance, these shades come in opaque, semi-opaque or sheer fabrics. Easy, affordable battery-powered



Spread a little holiday "sheer" with festive new window treatments and flowers.

Duette with PowerRise® offers remote-control motorized opening and closing options, eliminating loose cords.

To keep decorations, furniture and the like from fading, Kiner says you can control the level of incoming light with Silhouette® window shades, which can block as much as 99 percent of the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Constructed of rotating fabric vanes that float between two sheer fabric panels, Silhouette shades filter the sun's rays to allow for a soft, pleasant light.

The company's Country Woods® Collection™ of wood blinds can be custom-designed to accentuate the reds, greens or other colors used to decorate the house. The blinds come in a wide range of finishes and stains and various tape colors.

For a copy of the holiday decorating guide, *Gatherings*, and more information on enhancing the holidays, call Hunter Douglas at 1-800-486-8373 or you may visit www.hunterdouglas.com.