

Holiday Decorating Ideas

'Tis The Season...For Decorating And Pleasing!

(NAPSA)—Jack Frost doesn't have to nip at your wallet for creative ways to decorate and entertain this holiday season. Impress your guests by taking advantage of what nature has to offer as well as a wide selection of affordable holiday decorations found at close-out retailers. By using your creativity, you can deck your halls for next to nothing.

Consider these cost-saving tips for elegant and affordable holiday home decorating:

Set your table with style:

Spruce up your setting with charger plates, cloth napkins tucked inside glasses and a sprinkling of potpourri across the table.

Cluster different sized candles on a plate, winding ribbon through them. Add beads and glass bulbs with craft glue.

Think multi-purpose: Decorate wreaths with picks and fall-themed decorative fruit early in the season, gradually replace fall decorations with holiday ribbon, mini hanging ornaments and bulbs. Spray with canned snow.

Dress to impress: Dress up your dining room chairs with inexpensive slipcovers by creatively using islet bed sheets, tablecloths, or an organza shower curtain. Slip the cover over the chair, use a roll of ribbon to tie the cover to the chair back and allow a trail of ribbon to flow from there. Add beads or pearls for a glamorous touch.

Be the center of attention: Clear glass bowls filled with an



Imagine the possibilities: A wide variety of merchandise and close-out prices!

assortment of mini glass lights, seasonal fruit and gourds or decorative items like mini lights, pine cones, dry pods and other craft items make a beautiful holiday centerpiece. Spray some items with gold paint and sprinkle with glitter.

Sweeten the offering: Create a decadent dessert table using two tall, unlit pillar candles or vases filled with leaves and pine cones. Place a plate on top of the candles or vases to serve pies, brownies and other desserts. Add tinsel around the desserts and guests may think your presentation makes the food almost too beautiful to eat.

You can find first-quality, brand-name products at 20 to 40 percent below discount retailers at closeout retailers such as Big Lots. Throughout the holiday season, and year-round, the store offer tremendous savings on a variety of decorations and home goods. To find one nearby, visit www.biglots.com.