

Festive flair

Sandie Walker from Powder Grey gives us a rundown of some of the looks and ideas that will bring some seasonal sparkle to your home

This Christmas, the décor around my home and table setting will be dominated by greens, whites and, of course, greys. I like to mix this simple look with draped foliage (twigs and eucalyptus, for example) and lighting from various sized candles and t-lites, which will reflect off the glassware and baubles to create a romantic glow. If you'd rather not use candle, LED lights will create a similar effect.

For that extra touch of Christmas sparkle, add mirror placemats, keep the lights low and let the candles work their magic on the reflective surfaces. If you can, use linen for napkins and dress it a little with a sprig of eucalyptus or with a tree cutting – this will add a lovely touch to your tableware.

Keeping with the elegant muted tones of greens,

whites and smouldering greys within the home and settings, we have also kept this classic look with our festive wreath of faux foliage and silk flowers which can be displayed on external and internal doors, (available in store & online).

As the first room in the house that your guests will see, the entrance hall should be a statement about what the rest of your home is like. Keep this area clutter-free by adding a trunk for all those outdoor footwear. If the hall is small, add a large mirror which will give off the feeling of space – but apart from that make it inviting by adding a console table with a simple bouquet of flowers, and/or decorative mixed votives, which will really create a festive atmosphere.

A co-ordinating swagged garland of your chosen



theme around the home will add an instant shot of festive glamour either used around the hallway mirror, stairway or fireplace. Alternatively for a more modern look, try paper ornaments, large baubles hung in various heights along the staircase with added lit lanterns on lower ground.

One of my favourite family me times is helping our two young children lovingly decorate the tree. We used to go for the more simple traditional fir tree that dominated our room, but since the arrival of our chocolate lab we have opted for a stylish com packed 'Grey' twig tree with sparkly lights that can be easily transported from one room or table

top area to another. This year, instead of baubles, we have added our favourite pictures, places, quotes and memories that we can make each into a Polaroid caption and tie onto the tree.

Once you have found the right place for your tree, add the twinkly lights first before adding your statement decorations. I find it's easier if I start from the top of the tree and work down with larger decor before adding the in between smaller accessories. Glass, metallic or mirrored accessories will reflect double the amount of sparkle, turning your room into a magical wonderland scene. **TC** www.powdergrey.com



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