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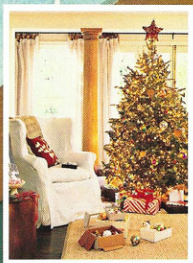
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# Simplify Your Style

Design a holiday theme that works with your existing decor by using unexpected colors and materials to create a sophisticated look.

*Traditional red and green* isn't for everyone. Richmond, Virginia, interior designer Susan Jamieson would have to agree. The 1925 Colonial Revival home where she and her husband, John, have lived for 16 years is decorated in a minimalist cream-and-ivory palette. So, during the holidays, she creates a glitzy holiday theme and glams it up with garland, ribbon, and ornaments in metallic tones that don't overwhelm the spare look.



## fresh idea 16

Play up the architecture of your home by accentuating features, like the stately columns flanking Susan and John's front porch, with spiraling garland and bright lights.

## fresh idea 17

Disguise unsightly wires from string lights by winding them around a column or post with greenery or garland and setting a pretty container of ornamental cabbage or kale at the base.

**fresh idea 18**

Create an opulent feel without overwhelming the space by decorating your tree with a limited color scheme of silver, gold, and bronze.





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"In decorating, it's all about editing. So add one thing. Then stand back, look at it, and keep it uncluttered." — Susan Jamieson



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**fresh idea 19**

Use peacock feathers in lieu of traditional holiday flowers for a mantel that makes a statement. When paired with mirrored ornaments and curly willow branches, "they add just enough color to complement the Christmas tree," says homeowner Susan Jamieson. "It's one of my favorite arrangements because it's so different."

**fresh idea 20**

Plan holiday decorations to work with your existing decor, even if that means using unexpected colors like cream and beige. Accents in shades of gold and silver blend seamlessly with this room's soft white-and-ivory color scheme and play off the tones of other metallic accessories, like the coffee table.



Twinkle

Sparkle



**"I've always loved gold and silver . . . They're shiny and sparkly for Christmas."** —Susan Jamieson

### **fresh idea 21**

Pair preprinted gift tags that reinforce your color scheme with boxes wrapped in chocolate and metallic papers to add character under the tree.

### **fresh idea 22**

Transform a coffee table into a wrapped present by crisscrossing strands of ribbon over the top and sides for a giftlike effect. Silver family heirlooms add to the sparkly theme.

### **fresh idea 23**

Use spray paint to add a shimmering accent to pinecones, acorns, or round glass ornaments. Displayed en masse in tall glass vases, they become instant and easy holiday accents.

### **fresh idea 24**

Create a unified and sophisticated alternative to mismatched ornaments with glittering balls and stars in various finishes.

### **fresh idea 25**

Drape garland up the handrail of a staircase, and anchor it with gold bows for a holiday welcome in the foyer.

### **fresh idea 26**

Forgo the traditional single wreath on a front door and welcome guests instead with three miniature wreaths. Attached to a long piece of ribbon, the smaller wreaths are ideal for a glass-front door.

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