



## Home Preparation for the Holiday Season

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### Eleven Holiday Tips

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Turn your home into a holiday showplace this year. Bows, ribbon, wreaths and a dash of Mother Nature will add the zest you need this holiday season. The following ten easy tips will impress all your holiday guests. Lowe's is happy to provide this information as a service to you.

1. Holiday bows are a quick way to spruce up many areas of your home. Coordinate a holiday-patterned ribbon with your home's decor. Look for bolts of ribbon that contain at least a little of the main color in your home or colors that complement the current color scheme. If you can't find the perfect pattern, metallic silver or gold ribbon will work with almost any decor.
  - Tie bows to candlesticks, wreaths, garlands and basket handles.
  - Use bows as drapery tiebacks to decorate your window treatments.
  - Put bows on banisters, chair backs, houseplants and even door knobs to help decorate each room in the house.
2. Bring the holiday china out of storage. Use your holiday pattern every day. If you don't have a holiday pattern, start a collection this year. Now you know the answer to "What do you want for Christmas?"
3. Ornaments aren't only for trees.
  - Hang ornaments in the windows or over the top of lampshades with red ribbons.
  - Hang ornaments from your houseplants and artificial/real trees. Too avoid damage, don't hang ornaments that are too heavy from the branches/stems of your plants and trees.
4. Place candles in every room of your home and light them each evening. The warm glow will warm your heart.
5. Safety Note: If you have small children, lit candles aren't appropriate due to the risk of fire. Don't leave a lit candle unattended.
6. Hang an artificial or fresh wreath on the front door, the back door, over the mantle or in all your front windows. Use bows, pinecones,



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ornaments or hard wrapped candy to decorate them.

7. Wrap fresh or artificial garlands around banisters and mirrors. Drape the garland across the mantle and add holiday ornaments for a delightful display.
8. Add holiday color to every room in your home with a poinsettia. Poinsettias are available in white, red and pink. Create an entry hall display. Circle your holiday tree with poinsettias. Add one on each end of your dining room sideboard. A small poinsettia is perfect for bathrooms and the guest room.
9. Nothing says it's time for the holidays like the classics. Fill the air with sounds of Bing Crosby, Burl Ives and Brenda Lee to bring back memories of holidays past.
10. Dust off your childhood winter holiday storybooks or purchase new ones and decorate the coffee table. You'll be amazed at how many adults will enjoy flipping through them.
11. To complete your room's accessories, use holiday throw pillows to decorate your couch and chairs.



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