

"Holiday Highlights"

Home Helpers For The Holidays

Nothing makes the holidays seem more like holidays than festive decor. And finding decorations that catch the holiday spirit and fit your own personal style has never been easier. Whether it's setting Santa's table for milk and cookies or commemorating the Nutcracker, you can refine a decorating tradition or begin one this season. Here are some new ways to add some holiday spirit to your home:

- Angels are time-honored symbols of the season. Used anywhere in the home, they impart a sense of dignity. Available in gold leaf with hand detail, a variety of angel items from Floating Angel Vases to Kneeling Angel Candleholders are available at The Bombay Company.

- This year, begin a tradition by leaving Santa's milk and cookies on a special table set just for him. Use reindeer and/or elves to make Old St. Nick feel right at home. Be sure and set Santa's table early to help build anticipation for his arrival. For accessories that will delight Santa and look good all year long, The Bombay Company has deer centerpieces, bookends, and candleholders.

- Make it a cultural holiday by

incorporating reminders of holiday masterpieces into your home. Whether it's reminiscent of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* or *The Nutcracker*, keepsakes of holiday legends in art convey elegance. The Bombay Company has a wide assortment of Nutcracker items including teapots, prints, candleholders, and various ornaments.

Set The Mood For Holiday Entertaining

Entertaining guests during the holidays goes beyond simply being a gracious host. From the first impression at the front door to the setting at the table, merry surroundings impart warmth and charm to holiday gatherings. Here are some ideas to enhance your home with just the right decorative touch to get your

visitors in a festive mood:

- Build enthusiasm among out-of-town guests as soon as they pull in the drive by decorating your mailbox and/or front door. Use pine garland, homemade wreaths, bells, decorative ribbon, and outdoor lights to let your guests know they've come to the right place.
- Aromas from holiday-scented candlesticks and potpourri can help fill your home

with the fragrance of the season. Holiday Balsam Potpourri, a mix of fir and cinnamon scents by The Bombay Company, will bring to mind sights and sounds of the season.

- Remember, the key to serving a successful dinner can be the table setting. Dress up everyday dinners with candlesticks, such as solid polished brass candlesticks from The Bombay Company. For a very special touch, the Angel Wall Candleholder is a three-dimensional iron angel with elaborate hand-finished details.

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