



## GETTING YOURSELF FESTIVE READY

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MAGAZINE COLUMNIST CHRISTINE YORATH TELLS US HER TIPS  
ON HOW TO DECORATE THIS CHRISTMAS



**Already we are counting the time to Christmas in weeks. A favourite time of year for many and not too soon to start to think about getting your home "Festive Ready".**

First I suggest a bit of a de-clutter to make room for decorations and even more radically a change of accessories might be appropriate. If your sofa

scatter cushions are in summery colours or prints on a neutral backdrop maybe you will consider changing to cushions and throws in warm jewel colours of reds and purples and you can extend this to candles and pot pourri.

Anyone visiting home interiors departments regularly will be noticing the increase in accessories in the shops of warm gold and copper in place of the well tried and tested silver we have had around for quite a few years so maybe even in just one room you can consider changing lamps and side tables to these warmer looking metals?

Do you use a real tree or an artificial one and if the latter do you need to be ordering a new one? Green trees and red and gold baubles with tartan bows is about as traditional as you can get but why not have a

colour theme? I have a huge collection of baubles and sets of different coloured ribbons (neater and to me preferable to tinsel) to be able to do a different colour scheme each year. One year might be purple and silver and the next might be a multi-colour. I also have a collection of "dolls" which are amusing and quirky and about 150mm tall which are actually tree decorations with loops fitted to their heads for hanging from the edges of the branches and each year it's a lovely memory lane trip opening the boxes to remember the sentimental decorations that have been stored for 11 months.

Very soon you will see items coming in to the shops to start collecting your decorations ready for the big day when you can put them up.

Larger homes will have space for the illuminated

figures or glittery reindeer and smaller homes will look festive with just the addition of strategically used fairy lights.

For entertaining there are some lovely serving dishes available with Christmas themes and even Christmas tea towels and guest hand towels and before you welcome your guests in to your Christmas-themed home for a warm glass of mulled wine remember to download your Christmas music!

Good planning will mean a Happy Christmas!

*Till Next Time,  
Christine*

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