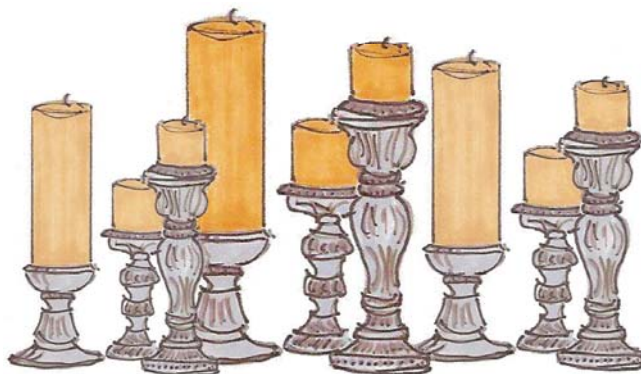


Candles are some of the most affordable and effective decorative accessories available. With the right touch, they can turn the most ordinary rooms into a magical wonderland. Ambiance is of the utmost importance when decorating for any holiday. A single candle emits a warm glow, while a grouping of lit candles can produce a sense of drama. Repetition of the same candle will add uniformity to a space. Clustering candles in varied sizes but like color creates a more informal, casual feeling.



Consider the container as much as the candles: look beyond traditional candleholders. Platters, pedestals and clear vases are just a few ideas. Choose containers that repeat shapes and colors already found within your room or optimize a contrasting color or shape for more interest. Display a collection of similarly themed candleholders such as iron, silver or crystal for a formal look.



There are abundant options for filling in around your candle displays. Beads, marbles, rock salt, beans, dried fruit, stones, flowers and even buttons can be used. Scatter confetti or include twigs, leaves, or seasonal produce within your arrangement – but do not light the candles within this type of decor. Try mingling festive origami creatures, a collection of tin ornaments or miniature antique toys with your candles. Don't limit your creativity, but do make sure you avoid fire hazards if you are going to light your candles and not just display them.

There are so many possibilities in accessorizing with candles. Be sure to experiment until you find a vignette you love for your space! Here are just a few other creative ideas to try:

- ◆ Intermingle glittered candles with solids and frosted candles within the same color family for a classic and elegant feel
- ◆ Try arranging different smaller-sized candles around a large pillar candle
- ◆ Interspace a hand-painted candle or two within your grouping
- ◆ Wrap coordinating ribbons around the candles in your arrangement