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SEASON'S GREENS

Weave holiday spirit
throughout your house with
these fresh takes on fresh greens.

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HAVE HOT GLUE, GREEN FLORISTS WIRE, AND TWINE ON HAND TO EASE ASSEMBLING, WRAPPING, AND DISPLAYING. WHEN HOT-GLUING GREENS TO OBJECTS, STRENGTHEN THE BOND BY HOLDING THE PIECES TOGETHER UNTIL GLUE DRIES.



HOLIDAY HEARTH An airy swag crafted from myrtle stems wired together tip to end with green florists wire makes a statement against the white fireplace, *above left*. Packages tied up with ribbon and cording, *above*, get prettier with embellishments such as boxwood wreaths, ilex and evergreen sprigs, and fraser fir tassels (remove a stem's upper needles, pinch the lower needles, and wrap the bare end in twine). For the tiny mantel-top trees, *left*, check Christmas tree lots for treetops lopped from trees that have been cut up for greenery. Gently push each treetop into water-soaked floral foam set in a sturdy container.

SEASONAL RUN

Combine repurposed objects, evergreen stems, and votives to construct a timeless centerpiece that stylishly shines well into the New Year, *this photo*. A woven runner provides a textural anchor for a board painted with dark red paint and then whitewashed with a 2:1 mix of white latex paint and water. (To get the worn look, lightly brush 18-inch sections of the board with whitewash. Immediately wipe off wash with an absorbent cloth.) Upgrade vintage bottles and canning jars by wrapping them with ribbon or twine. Fill vessels with water and tuck in evergreen sprigs and berried twigs. Set votive candles on top of narrow-mouth bottles or float them in wider jars. Immediately wipe off wash with an absorbent cloth.) Upgrade vintage bottles and canning jars by wrapping them with ribbon or twine. Fill vessels with water and tuck in evergreen sprigs and berried twigs. Set votive candles on top of narrow-mouth bottles or float them in wider jars.

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HOT-GLUE A
FLORISTS-WIRE
LOOP TO THE BACK
OF EACH FRAME;
HANG FRAMES
FROM A NAIL OR
A REMOVABLE
ADHESIVE HOOK.



FESTIVE DISPLAY Greens rise in status when showcased in frames crafted from paint stir sticks, *this photo*. To make frames: Leave some stick ends plain while painting others with crafts paint. Let dry. Arrange and cut sticks to desired size to create diamond shapes. Overlap ends and hot-glue together. Accent corners or painted areas by wrapping with twine, cording, or yarn; hot-glue loose ends to frame backs. Hang clusters of wired-together greens and berries (at least half as long as the frame opening) from frame backs using wire or twine. Round out the exhibit with a tabletop display featuring a cake plate piled high with glimmering ornaments and strategically stacked greenery.

DOUBLE THE FUN

Wreath forms equipped with small pots and long hangers supply a fine foundation for building a double-decker exhibit, *this photo*. Place a fern or succulent in each pot; set aside. Create two clusters of greenery for each wreath. Setting shorter stems atop long flexible stems, layer lengths of myrtle, seeded eucalyptus, and airy evergreens; secure with wire. Wire the clusters to the wreath's lower center and side edges. Add long-tailed bows to hide wires at each wreath's center. Mount a cup hook for hanging the larger wreath; hang the smaller wreath from the larger one. Insert filled pots.



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OTHER DAY TO
KEEP THEM FRESH
LONGER.

GREEN SCENE

Shop your backyard, favorite greenhouse, and grocery-store aisles for evergreen boughs and scintillating foliage that amplify seasonal spirit.

1 CONCOLOR FIR Concolor or white fir has symmetrical rows of flat, narrow needles; good needle retention; and a pleasing fragrance.

2 SEEDED EUCALYPTUS Clusters of seedpods add textural interest on stems bearing shapely light to medium green leaves.

3 FRASER FIR Fragrant, soft, short blue-green needles on sturdy stems have silvery undersides that glow when lit.

4 ITALIAN RUSCUS An airy silhouette and narrow, pointy leaves make this a popular filler for all types of arrangements.

5 BLUE SPRUCE Valued for its stiff silvery blue-green needles, its boughs are sturdy enough to hold added trims.

6 HONEY BRACELET Pliable woody stems and flexible needlelike leaves allow this filler green to be easily shaped.

7 SCOTCH PINE Short on scent but well-suited to shaping, these woody boughs sport groupings of flexible 2–5-inch bluish-green needles.

8 WHITE PINE Superb needle retention means bright green needles stay in place, even when boughs dry out.

9 ILEX (HOLLY) Stiff stems sport clusters of bright red berries that provide cheery points of interest.

10 TREE FERN/WISPY FERN Delicate stems measuring 15 to 22 inches long support wispy leaves that resemble evergreen needles.

11 MYRTLE Green leaves and woody stems—that emit a lovely lemon aroma when clipped—stand out in vertical arrangements and work well in swags and wreaths.