

Bring back baby's breath

"Long since abandoned as filler in the grocery [store] flower cooler, baby's breath is back in a big way, but in large, single-flower clusters. My holiday buffet table will be all white this year, with several airy white mounds of baby's breath in assorted hand-thrown white pottery vases."

-Janie Molster, Janie Molster Designs



L Make the time "A piece of advice my mom gave me is probably the most important thing: Designate time on your planner for decorating and un-decorating. That has made all the difference for me. It used to stress me out so much. Set time aside time to [decorate] so that you can actually enjoy it." - Natalie Reddell



"Make a garland out of holiday craft paper. The kids can cut shapes out of the festive paper - we stuck with circles - and then they can hand them to you one by one as you sew them under the sewing machine. The machine will stitch right through the paper and connect them all." Holly Kidwell, Holly Kidwell Interiors



"Invest in decorations. Splurge once and get the good stuff and every year you will look forward to unpacking and decorating." - Lesley Glotzl

Keep it real "Splurge on some live greenery for your mantels, banisters and chandeliers. Fresh evergreens just provide a fullness and draping effect that you can't get from artificial greenery. I especially love to drape a chandelier with greens and hang ornaments from it. ... You can carry the wonderful scent throughout your home instead of just concentrating it at the Christmas tree." — Jennifer Stoner, Jennifer Stoner Interiors





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