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Tips to have your home guest-ready for Christmas

<u>Dine in style</u> - A round table is more social while an oval table takes up less space. An extending dining table allows you to be economical with space and cater to your guests.

Get comfy - Mismatched dining chairs are everywhere and lend themselves perfectly to extra chairs for special occasions and can easily be rehomed for the rest of the year.

<u>Lounge away the day</u> - The living room and therefore the sofa are often referred to as the heart of the home. A modular sofa here can be changed to accommodate your varying needs.

<u>Function & Style</u> - With the arrival of guests comes the requirement for extra places to sleep. Compact 2 seater sofa beds or corner styles can transform into a bed with minimal effort.

Restful night - Creating a bedroom that your guests can't wait to sleep in will add that extra special feeling to their stay. Create a boutique hotel feeling with crisp cotton sheets and a heavy tog duvet.

A Handcrafted Christmas

Lockdown inspired a love of *making* in many of us, and this newfound appreciation of *handmade items* will feed into our decorating schemes this Christmas. Choose simple *wooden decorations and festive bows*. They will look as if they've been crafted at home, but a little more polished! Extending this trend to your tablescape is as easy as buying *Christmas crackers made from brown paper and finished with ribbon* rather than the classic metallic kind.







Embracing Tradition

If Christmas for you is about feeling *super cosy* at home, then this is a trend you will love. It's based around *warm colours and snug textiles*. Dress your tree with *baubles in luxurious shades*, then add *festive greenery and garlands ripe with berries* around fireplaces and window sills. *Gold fairy lights and accents* will work better than silver, which could feel a little cold alongside these deep shades. To reflect this trend on your Christmas table, choose *coloured glassware* and *gold cutlery*.







Green & White

Our reignited love with the great outdoors continues and it's fueling a beautifully fresh, nature-inspired interiors trend for the festive season. To achieve the look, stick to a colour palette of white and green and include botanical motifs and natural materials around your home. Make the most of white flowers and plants by dotting them around your living space and using them as centrepieces for your Christmas table. Small succulents work really well as place name holders, continuing the naturalistic theme nicely.







Colourful Christmas

This trend is enormous fun and embraces the entire spectrum of colour. Try tangy tangerine, electric blue and neon yellow. This trend is vibrant and quirky and it's anchored around celebratory shades, the brighter the better. Replace your traditional wreath with something multicoloured. Subtle gold or silver fairy lights may not have enough impact, so choose multicoloured instead. This trend is all about going that little bit over the top – because if you can't at Christmas, when can you?







Silver & Gold

If you prefer a look that's more minimal, then the trend of *mixing metallics* may appeal. This trend is *glamorous and modern*, but there's also a lot about it that will appeal to children, such as the abundance of twinkling fairy lights, which really make this trend come to life. Colour may be out, but *texture* is very much part of this trend, so mix your metallic baubles with Christmas tree decorations made from wool, crochet or sequins. Just *keep to neutral shades of vanilla* so that the overall look makes sense.







The finishing touches to bring joy this Christmas

<u>Festive foliage</u> - Nothing says Christmas quite like a garland or wreath. Adding last-minute foliage, both faux and real, to your seasonal decor is a great way to make your home feel extra-special in the final few weeks before Christmas Day.

<u>Seasonal scents</u> - There's no better way to amp up the festive atmosphere in your home than by lighting scented candles. They're especially good in homes with an artificial Christmas tree because they can evoke the scent of fresh pine as convincingly as the real thing.

<u>Simple swaps</u> - Swapping your usual soft furnishings for seasonal alternatives is a great way to make your living space feel even more festive in those final few days before Santa arrives. This can be as easy as changing one cushion cover for another with a festive motif or slogan.

<u>Light up</u> - A selection of pretty lanterns in different sizes arranged on and around a front porch will add a touch of old-world charm to your display. Decorating trees and bushes with twinkling fairy lights is a simple way to add impact.

<u>Dreamy decorations</u> - Adding some special decorations to the tree in those final days is a lovely way to mark the countdown to Christmas Day. It's also a great family ritual that children and adults will both look forward to.

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