

# Simple steps to usher in the season

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Adorn your front door with a vintage mirror and fall foliage.

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I must admit that autumn is hands-down one of my favorite times of the year. The crisp cool air, leaves changing colors and evenings with the family gathered around the fire with hot chocolate, telling stories. Oh, who am I kidding? That last part never happens in my crazy household of three kiddos. It's more like throwing together a pot of mac 'n' cheese and scrambling to get homework done before basketball practice. But regardless of the chaos that swirls through my house I always make an effort to add touches of fall to my home. And yes, I probably should also admit that I am one of "those" neigh-

bors who puts her fall wreath on the front door the first week that school starts. Today I thought I would share some of my DIY tips for adding some unique fall elements to your home.

## The Front Door

Instead of going with the traditional fall wreath, why not hang a mirror with ribbon and some faux autumn branches or leaves? You could use a mirror at a thrift shop, like I did years ago, or you could even use an ornate picture frame without the mirror. Add some silk ribbon, tuck in a few sprigs of leaves and voila!

Other front door ideas: Instead of a round wreath why not opt for a square wreath covered in moss and wrapped in ribbon, or try adding a vintage tea cup or plate with an autumnal pattern.

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Use pumpkins and moss as accents for interior decor.

