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Tips for On-Trend Holiday Décor

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It is also nice in January or February (some re-up-holstery or refinish work can take 6-12 weeks on fine pieces with local trades) to have fresh clean pieces come back home.

Third, create a story with your décor. Stories have openings, middles, "ta-da moments" and ends. You don't have to use everything you have, especially if you own several collections. Consider how to vary the amount and type of décor throughout your home.



We are using a lot of dropping greenery, pinecones and large balls for the base of topiary this season.



There is always the family look and this season we are using whimsical ribbon for those types of décor.

Your story may be as simple as fresh flowers, a festive wreath on your door or some new coffee table books. Don't try to tell too much.

Some questions to ask yourself and your family: Do I have a personal need for this season? Am I introverted and need to carve out personal space? What will make me feel as if I have celebrated? Often times, having a simple party, even if it is for six to eight close friends, can change our perspective on a holiday. By creating a small event, you feel as if there is a reason to steward your homefront. A few extra decorations and a few special touches in the powder room or unexpected spaces like a patio, can go a long way to giving us a soulful experience. We create vignettes and places to visit, to read a book or have a cookie with tea.

My hope this holiday season is that your home holds you, your family, your friends and your season well. Take time to plan your spaces. For the perfect holiday home, join in on our Stress Free Holiday Workshop series. You can access it 24/7, 365 days a year and it includes the option of a printed workbook. I even include my infamous cookie bribery recipe, which works to keep family decorating help happy while hanging garland. For information, visit http://cou-

turechateau.com/holiday/. The workshop gives a fresh perspective we don't always get from magazine photographs. Take dominion over your spaces and places this season and fall in love with the holidays all over again.



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