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With the festive season in full swing, give your interiors a merry makeover with these tips, tricks and techniques

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Before you deck the halls, don't forget the heart of the home, the dining table. Truth be told one should start decorating from the dining room and then slowly make your way to the other rooms in the home. The key is to make the space warm and welcoming, cosy and comfortable, subtle and sophisticated. Still confused? Take a tip or two from our Christmas setting.

Get the Look

To enhance the look and feel of your Christmas decor involve your family when doing up the space. It makes for a fun DIY. For

our Christmas setting, we found inspiration from a vintage winter garden. After all, it's the most wonderful time of the year. Ensure that the setting easily moves from dusk to midnight to truly celebrate the festivities with your loved ones.

The Elements

A common faux pas is that people buy complicated and expensive items that they don't know how to use. Go with what's familiar, by using simple utilitarian objects of every day home use to decorate. This way is a lot easier and also keeps the vibe casual and fun, especially if your little one ac-



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MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Add a personal touch with hand written notes by every plate (previous page); use elements foraged from nature and your surroundings to make your festive feast look spectacular (left)

CREATE MEMORIES

Turn the Christmas Tree into a DIY project for the entire family. From creating the tree to the ornaments you hang, it can become a fun, functional and aesthetic decorative

element. We have used foliage and twigs from our garden with white candles, and recycled glass bottles that double up as vases. The napkin rings are made with twigs. Colours used are greens, browns and white. We have also used ceramic pine cones and sweet smelling potpourri.

Smart Ideas

The Christmas tree is made with recycled pine wood, this can be a fun DIY project for both adults and children. The best part, it can be easily dismantled so that you can reuse it next Christmas. Further, it's low on maintenance. However, that's not the only DIY to do. You can use simple containers available at home as vases. Look around your outdoors for foliage and greens. You need not buy exotic flowers. In fact, basic white candles can create a magical look as expensive designer ones, for your dinner table settings.

Quick Tips

This is the time to experiment with the plating, give it your unique stamp to make it stand out. You can either mix and match for a more informal setting however, if you prefer a formal look remember to coordinate the crockery to the decorative elements and the table linen. Nature-inspired look is in vogue these days, so decorate using natural and foraged elements. Add a message via a note on your sit down dinner setting to set the mood. To complete the ambience, dim the lights.

This is all you need to have a very merry Xmas.

