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HOLIDAY MANTEL DECOR IDEAS TO BRIGHTEN ANY ROOM

While the kitchen might be the heart of the home, the living room fireplace is the soul of the home, especially as temperatures begin to plummet. While holiday hibernation goes into full effect (read: eggnog overdoses and shameless Hallmark film binging), the crackling fireplace mantel is a time-honored showpiece that is not only a central gathering spot over the holidays, but also an added opportunity to for holiday bling and festive decor.

This year, Pinterest trends analyst Sydney Stanback says people are taking a no-holds-barred mentality to their Christmas decor. “Searches for maximalism have increased by 140 percent year-over-year,” she says. “We’re seeing bold colors, pattern-happy tchotchkes, and Christmas schemes that are bedecked with everything you would normally use—but times 20.” For a mantel, that might mean overabundant sprays of greenery like designer Bradley Odom’s elegant fireplace vignette, patterned stockings, or ample assemblages of tapered candlesticks (let not a single square inch of mantel shelf space go uninhabited).

Having decorator’s block? We’ve tapped some of the top designers and brands for their Christmas mantel go-tos. Whether you’re into a simple magnolia garland or a bough of sweet-smelling evergreens—or you like to go ham with a plethora of gilded tchotchkes that make your Christmas tree look comparatively humble—we’ve got a Christmas mantel idea for everyone. The stockings are just the beginning.

Bradley Odom



1

THINK BEYOND EVERGREENS

Design superstar Kelly Wearstler chose to tell her own personal story with this verdant extravaganza. The Spanish moss used for the wreath and mixed in with the other foliage represents her childhood spent growing up in South Carolina, and the local magnolia and coyote bush symbolize her current California lifestyle.



Kelly Wearstler



Soho House

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MOODY MANTEL

Dark and moody never lit our heart aflame so! We're swooning over this sultry Soho Home fireplace corner. The billowing garland echoes the moody jewel-toned furnishings and textiles, with rich red botanicals and gold florals. When the architectural elements speak for themselves, little more is needed.



Madeline Harper

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HIGH CONTRAST MANTEL MOMENT

In Identité Collective’s Anastasia Casey’s snug living room corner, the stockings aren’t the only thing that were hung with care. Casey sprinkled strings of lights throughout this billowing garland, which matches perfectly with a pair of sage green stockings. It’s the perfect foil to a neutral living room. And there’s only one thing we love more than a monochrome moment, and that’s a monochrome moment with contrast. It’s Barbenheimer, Christmas edition.

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PURPLE FIRESIDE SCENE

In the cozy living room, Casey went for a more unexpected interpretation of a holiday color palette, incorporating shades of dusty purple into her design scene. “From velvet ribbons to pillow covers to a cozy throw blanket styled over our sofa, I chose to incorporate moments of muted mauve and berry while also adding balance with natural elements like fresh greenery, dried citrus slices, and lots of earth tones,” she explains. The mantel’s understated garland anchors the rest of the room and offsets the muted purple perfectly.



Bradley Odom

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A NOD TO TRADITION

Texas-based designer Cathy Kincaid harks back to America's early days by using a mix of fruits and plaid ribbon, complete with a starred wreath for the mantel in her own dining room.



Par Bengtsson



The Enchanted Home

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A MANTEL WITH A MODERN TWIST

Delft-style porcelain makes for an elegant finish on this regal mantel, courtesy of the Enchanted Home. A generous portion of evergreen sprigs and magnolia leaves reminds us that it's the holiday season. A smattering of oversize pine cones makes for a natural final flourish.



Keith Carroll

7 MIX IT UP

When decorating his holiday mantel, Keith Carroll likes to think about using objects he collects, from obelisks and horns to a fruit-layered garland. Top it off with B. Viz Design stockings and not only Santa Clause will feel welcome here.

8 NATURAL NODES

The Blackberry Farm Design team added elements of nature to this more rustic-looking holiday mantel using branches and pine cones. For added pizzazz, they punctuated the foliage with classic pillar candles.



Sarah Rau



BRILLIANT LIVING ROOM CHRISTMAS DECOR IDEAS THAT REDEFINE GLITZ

It's official. The knitted sweaters are on, the peppermint candles are out, and the Christmas tree is up—the holidays have arrived. But there's nothing that brings the joy of the season front of mind quite like a fabulously decorated living room. Not only is it the go-to location for your Christmas tree, it's also the backdrop for intimate gatherings, the setting for fun gift exchanges, and the coziest place to relax with your family each evening. "Your living room plays an important role around the holiday time," says expert holiday decorator Heather Lundervold of *Elves to the Rescue*. "Dressed up with a beautifully decorated tree, festive colors, shiny baubles, and the smell of fresh pine garland, your guests will feel cozy and warm snuggled up by the crackling fire this holiday season."

Lundervold enjoys choosing a new theme for her clients each year. "Whether it's a snowcapped winter wonderland with white, silver, and icicles; a traditional classic Christmas in plaids, reds, and green; or a whimsical gingerbread-and-candy theme—whichever you choose your guests will be wowed by your festive decor, and you'll keep them guessing and feeling the holiday cheer every year." To help you celebrate the holidays in style, we've gathered 36 fashionably festive living room decor ideas—from marvelous mantels to cheerful cocktail tables and everything in between—that are sure to keep your space merry and bright.

Josh Young Design House



Mary Ellen Becker

1 CLEVER FORAGING

Who says robin's-egg blue is only fit for springtime decor? Take a cue from Mary Ellen Becker's charming living room mantel arrangement and get creative with the greenery available to you. "Look closely at the most striking Christmas displays and you'll often find simple, organic elements used en masse to create a grand statement," says Ellen Becker. "Look in your fridge for the oranges, the pears. Check your backyard for an evergreen and snip a few branches."

2 A CURATED COLLECTION

Leave it to Josh Yöung to transform his sophisticated living room into a wistful holiday wonderland. Here, the vintage ornaments prove that traditional holiday color schemes can be added across a lifetime. "I've been collecting vintage ornaments for many, many years," Yöung says. "I love the nostalgic quality that they add to our tree, and the actual process of collecting and finding them is so much fun."



Josh Young Design House

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RUSTIC REVELRY

Hone in on those earthy textures while incorporating touches of metallic accents for a pastoral twist that is minimalist, stripped-down, and peaceful—while still feeling contemporary. In Nadine Stay’s Kinfolk-esque home, gold continues in the tray rim, brass candlesticks, and delicate frame. “I love to bring out my warm golden accents during the holiday season,” she says. “Pair that with mountain scene artwork and a vase with greenery, because nothing says ‘holiday’ better than a bundle of evergreen stems.”



Nadine Stay



Douglas Friedman

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ARBOREAL ACCENTS

Ken Fulk’s cozy Montana guesthouse is proof that there can never be too much garland. While you might not have a two-story open ceiling or be surrounded by evergreen trees, a basket filled with real branches and fresh pine cones brings the charm of winter woods indoors.



Douglas Friedman

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PATTERN PLAY

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to cover your home in snowflakes and mini Santas for it to feel festive. Havenly strikes a balance between stylish and seasonal with a mix of buffalo plaid and Fair Isle patterns

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ACCESSORIZE WITH ORNAMENTS

According to Bunny Williams, ornaments don't have to be confined to your Christmas tree. The interior designer gave her living room some extra holiday cheer by strategically placing these festive baubles along her mantel.



Bunny Williams

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE ALTERNATIVES THAT WILL MAKE A STATEMENT IN ANY SPACE

I find tinsel distracting,” Frank Costanza explained to Kramer as he detailed his gloriously bare-bones yuletide alternative, Festivus, on *Seinfeld*. Maybe—after years of lugging your holiday decor out of the crawlspace, and after years of hosting less-than-grateful relatives around your dinner table—you also are ready to give up the ornaments, the Christmas tree, and the wreaths, for a galvanized metal pole and feats of strength. Or, maybe you feel that you lack the space (not to mention the paycheck) to invest in a towering Tannenbaum.

Never fear—there are plenty of Christmas tree alternatives out there that can make your apartment merry and bright, without the hassle, environmental impact, or living room real estate. One easy route to a unique Christmas tree? Switch things up, suggests party-planning guru Bronson van Wyck: “Mount your tree on the wall, or hang it upside down to free up space and surprise your guests.”

You can also take a holiday decor shortcut by investing in space-saving, pre-lit mini trees, suggests Martin Cooper, who runs Punctilious Mr. P’s Place Card Co. with his wife, Karen Suen-Cooper. “We don’t believe in cutting down trees for Christmas, so we use two Restoration Hardware lighted trees on either side of the console in the living room,” Martin tells us. “It looks a bit Charlie Brown during the day but it’s beautiful at night.” The rest of their farmhouse, meanwhile, is festooned with ribbons, lush greenery, and other opulent-yet-easy touches.

Still stumped? We’re here to help. Before you bust out that Festivus pole, be sure to check out these 34 dashingly different Christmas tree alternatives. We’ll spare you the airing of grievances.



Sherwin Williams

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OUTLINE EVERYTHING IN GARLANDS

Skipping a traditional tree this year? Try real or faux garlands instead. Not only do they bring that cozy, winter vibe to your rooms, but they can also serve as verdant framing devices for the most curated corners of your home, without sacrificing square footage. Try draping garlands over your mantel, doorframe, bookcase, or bar cart, like designer Bradley Odom did here.



Lacey Sombar



Lucy Call

2

TRY TINY DETAILS

If you're short on space, try incorporating bite-sized references to traditional holiday decor throughout your home. We love this vignette, courtesy of Shea McGee. In place of a tree, she piled neutral-toned ornaments (the best part of holiday decorating, anyway!) in a ribbon-like marble bowl. The teeniest wreath, meanwhile, graces a similarly diminutive mirror.



Sherwin Williams

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MAKE A SHABBY CHIC STATEMENT

Small-space dwellers rejoice! John Derian proves that even a tiny tree can make a style statement. Here, he placed the charming, scrawny plant in an antique urn and festooned it with old time-y tinsel and timeworn ornaments. The vintage print, bust, and seashell complete this wistful mantel vignette.

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COPPER TREE

Lia Griffith relies on metallic hues for her alternative Christmas tree, which is crafted with copper piping and a hammered copper bucket as the base.



Lia Griffith

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