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Curled up beside a roaring fire while light snowflakes fall to the winter floor outside; It's a picturesque image of a season that is one of beauty, family and now style



Modern Elegance

## Holiday Mantle Décor

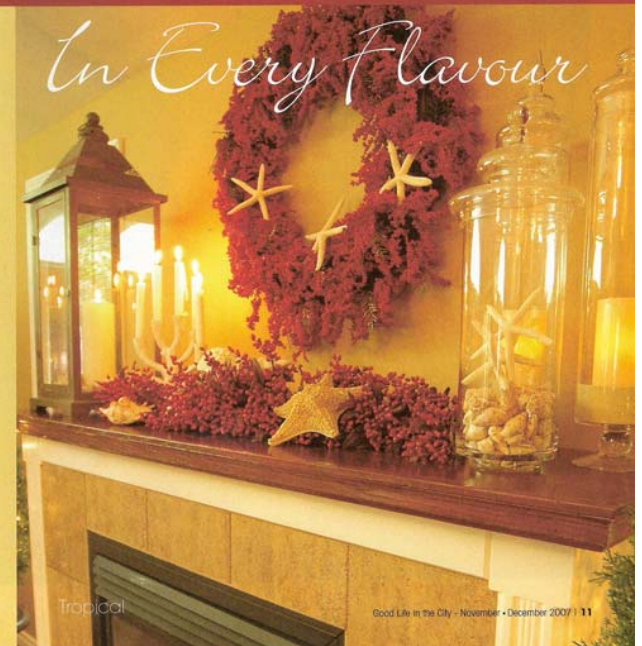
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Flourishing with festive ideas and re-inventions, local designer, Cyndie Jerome, shares some holiday mantle décor ideas that you'll want to warm up to.

With the holiday season peeking around the corner don't overlook the centre piece of your home that everyone is sure to share a drink in front of and hang a few stockings from.

Cyndie Jerome knows a fireplace is the heart of any home and the centre of attention over the holiday season. Whether your style is traditional, modern, contemporary or bright, there's no better place to start your holiday decorating.

## *In Every Flavour*



Tropical



#### ■ Holiday Mantle Decor

### **Traditional with a Whimsical Touch**

Complimenting any home's design and style is the traditional mantle featuring warm festive colours with elegance and taste.

Jerome adds warmth to the crisp white mantle with traditional evergreen garland opulently laced in silver and gold glittered leaves, crystal beaded ornaments and soft, cream roses .

The red and gold colour pallet not only paints the traditional colours of Christmas but in this particular setting, they enhance the existing colours in the mantles hand painted Venetian mirror .

Because height can often be a tricky roadblock for mantle décor, Jerome blends the design with simply decorated boxwood topiary trees that compliment this mantle's element of height .

This design is particularly suitable for bedroom mantles which may no longer be used

for burning fires. To compensate for these types of open spaces this fireplace houses decorative Jester Star's combined with tall sparkly red trees and a large metallic gold star for an added child like element.

Jester Stars can also be seen alongside this mantle's most elaborate piece, the life-size Court Jester himself.

**Designers Note:** "I love the jester for the whimsical and mischievous element he brings to this look."

### Tropical Christmas Inspiration

Whether spending the holidays south of the equator or adding a touch of warmth to holiday décor, Jerome's Caribbean flavoured Christmas mantle is the perfect picture of spicing up holiday décor in a fun and less traditional fashion.

Working with a generously wide mantle, Jerome utilizes this space with a small number of large pieces to create dramatic and exotic effect.

The use of natural looking red berries on both the mantle top and wreath add a rich and luscious contrast to the room's existing warm colours as well as offsets the Caribbean inspired pieces such as large seashells, star fish and coral.

Once again the element of height on this tropical mantle is decreased with the placement of apothecary glass sand jars, filled with both small ocean shells and candles and a large gas lamp-style candle holder to the left that depicts the inspiration of a warm tropical evening.

**Designers Note:** "This mantle conveys a very personal touch which can be achieved by incorporating the things you collect & love into your holiday decorating."

### Burnished Copper Tones add Holiday Sparkle

When deciding on the right pieces for your holiday décor Jerome says that homeowners often overlook their mantle's existing tones and colours that can inspire a totally unique and classy arrangement for the holidays.



On a fieldstone mantle Jerome suggests coppers, oranges and browns to bring out the natural tones of the mantles stone face.

The stone inspires a rich, yet rustic design that starts off with a layer of pine and cedar branches intertwined with beaded branches, sprays and twigs that are all in shades of bronze and copper.

The copper colour pallet is complimented with rich browns and oranges that add an element of warmth to a commonly cold looking stone hearth.

This is where the design takes a fowl-friendly turn in the use of feathers. On either side of the hearth Jerome uses miniature trees made of a combination faux feather and suede base. Placed alongside golden berry twigs and sparkling copper, these pieces maintain a rustic appeal whilst adding the charm of modern design.

Finally to break up the earth tone patterns, Jerome introduces a burst of colour that not only

spices up the metallic design but continues the feathered theme.

**Designers Note:** "Placed slightly off centre and on either side of the rich candle arrangement are two stunning Christmas Peacocks. Their gorgeous beading, peacock feathers and incredible turquoise colour add just the right amount of excitement and energy to this mantle."

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For smaller mantles that are common to condominiums and again bedroom and bathrooms, comes Jerome's most elegant and chic design that is sure to be the hot topic amidst all of your holiday entertaining.

The Modern Elegance mantle is a combination of crisp white plaster as well as black marble back by warm chocolate walls.

What this mantle called for was a bright, yet classy array of rich chartreuse greens, gold and rich crimson reds. Draped with an amazing assortment of ornamental leaves, berries, beaded branches, crystal ornaments, mantle is beautifully centred with a traditional poinsettia decked out in, glittery, splendour.

A fun and fanciful look is added to the garland with sequined glass Christmas balls that are the perfect choice to connect your Christmas tree themes.

The glass ornamental balls not only enhance the but also draw the eye to the floor where matching sequined miniature trees glitter with the firelight.

The dark leather club chairs in this room warm up to this mantle. Mirroring the sharp and clean lines of the mantle the club chairs seat two plush velvet throw cushions in the room's accent colour, providing just the perfect place to curl up in with a festive glass of cheer.

**Designers Note:** "This colour combination is taken straight from the natural palette of the outdoors yet it has a very modern quality to it."

In any colour and any style the holidays are a time to experiment with colours and styles you love to provide a festive living space. 🎄



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