

Kettle of Fish

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Decorations

As we are currently in the winter season, the nights are still fairly dark, it's still cold outside, why not make the most of this time by creating a cosy warm and inviting inside. Christmas has been and gone, and it is rather nice to have some space back in your living or dining room, so don't overdo it with your decorating. We suggest some flickering tea lights on shelves, sideboards, fireplaces, dressers or any other surfaces that can be seen from the dining table. Then for the table itself, why not use your own garden, local park or garden centre for inspiration.

Joy

There is nothing prettier than the simplicity of ivy, draped down the centre of the table, with more tea lights in pretty little holders amongst the foliage. If you have a light wood or white table, the ivy will work well if you put it straight down the length of the table. If you have a black or darker wood table, try putting a white or light coloured table runner or white cloth on the table, then arrange your ivy down the length of the table. Try putting candles in between the ivy making sure leaves and twigs don't touch the flames. Make sure your ivy trimmings are clean and neat, with no tears or dead looking leaves. You could also try rolling your napkins and securing with a ring or ribbon and tuck one ivy leaf into each and place on the dinner plates on the table. For something more glamorous, try spraying some of the ivy sprigs gold or silver and intertwine them with the other green leaves on the table.

Heather

For a more modern look, you could go to your local garden centre to find some mini heathers, if you have a large table you may want to go for a larger size plant. These are typically seasonal and will be in flower for most of the year. They come in a range of colours, you could stick to 3,5,7 or more of the same colour (odd numbers will look better). Choose colours that will compliment your interior colours, or keep it simple and go with white. They look really beautiful lined up in a row down the centre of your table in matching pots or holders. Alternatively you could try planting them in a decorative bowl or basket with a little compost. When you are finished with them you can plant them in the garden or give one to each of your dinner party guests.