

Inexpensive Fall Decorating



Fall decorating can be lots of fun – and fairly inexpensive by using some items from around the house or in the yard or a park.

Already have candles in your house? Set out some colored candles especially in brown, green, orange or black. Or use a combination of yellow, red, orange, and brown candles to mimic the changing color of leaves. Group several candles together to create a focal point – on a shelf, the dining table, a coffee table, or an end table. And if the candles happen to be scented for the season, even better! ~Grin~

What color cloth napkins, table cloths, placemats, towels, washcloths, pillowcases and sheets do you have? I like to cover my coffee table with a folded table cloth or sheet at different times of the year. It provides a solid backdrop that I can then dress up for whichever holiday or season I'm working with. (Not to mention that the tablecloth also covers the sides of the coffee table, so I don't see all that clutter stashed on the bottom shelf. ~LOL~) Sheets can be used much the same way as table cloths. Place your decorations on top of the table cloth or sheet.

Cloth napkins can be used individually – or used as a group and overlapped or placed side by side to create focus for other items that you set out. Actually, alternating colors of cloth napkins can be the decoration themselves! Placemats, towels, washcloths, and pillowcases can be used in much the same way as the cloth napkins. Place your decoration on top.

The great outdoors – bring in fallen branches and sticks, vines, acorns, pinecones, and fallen leaves (especially of the colorful variety). If you happen to have grown any gourds, bring them in too. ~Smile~ Place leaves and acorns on a plate, in a bowl, or just scattered around. Vines can be used similarly to holiday garland, or wet and form into a wreath shape which can be left plain or decorated. Stack pinecones in a large bowl and add a couple of small branches. Or scatter any of the items around your room or table.

Indian corn has gotten less expensive as a decoration, and it typically holds up well during storage until the next year. Small gourds are also usually not very expensive at the store, and are great stacked in a bowl or on a plate or just placed individually in unexpected nooks and crannies.

Whether you decide on just one little grouping or end up decorating your entire house, use your favorite colors for the season and enjoy the season change without a lot of cost.

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