

christmas decorations

CONTROL YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, BEFORE THEY CONTROL YOU!

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS...

#1. REFLECT:

Look through photos of past Christmas's you have had and remind yourself of where you've been, helping you think through where you want to go this year

#2. REALIZE:

Walk through your home and visualize where you'll place your tree this year. In addition to your tree, what additional areas will you want to decorate? Your fireplace mantle? Dining table, Fireplace mantle, Staircase? How about your Powder room, Kitchen, Entry? Make a list, write it down.

#3. RESEARCH:

This simple exercise should help you decide on a theme and color scheme.

Search for ideas and inspiration on the internet. Of course, I recommend you watch past Robeson Design Christmas Decorating videos but you should also consider Instagram, Pinterest, even Twitter or Houzz. A simple google search can bring you tons of inspiration!

#4. RECONNECT:

Visit your Christmas Decorations storage and remind yourself what you already have. Take inventory and make a list of what you will need to add to your decor this year. Inventory your lights, garlands, wreaths, ribbons, ornaments, balls and baubles. *Remember the 80/20 rule. No need to buy all new, just add 20% to what you already have and you will be able to create something entirely new this year.

#5. RETAIL: VIRTUALLY

Shop for art pieces on the internet. www.fineartamerica.com is my source of choice.

Shop the internet for fresh bulbs if needed. www.dutchgrown.com is my new favorite for paper whites (Inbal) if you want the less fragrant version.

RETAIL: IN REAL-LIFE

Visit your favorite Christmas supply stores. For me it's Shinoda Design Center.

The perfect wholesale supplier for nearly everything you can think of for Christmas greens, balls and floral supplies.

<http://www.shinodadesigncenter.net>



#6. RUN ERRANDS:

There will be places to go and people to see to be prepared.

Here's my list:

Artware to have my art pieces framed

Benjamin Moore, for "Simply White" paint for my sofa wall

Custom Interiors to meet with my upholsterer.

#7. REFRESH YOUR SENSES:

If you would like to add the look and feel of fresh flowers this Christmas, you will want to plant your bulbs by November 1st for a perfect Christmas bloom.

#8. REMOVE:

your existing plants and accessories to make room for the big transformation

#9. REPAINT:

Paint any walls you might want to change for the holidays.

#10: RELAX:

Congratulations, you are now prepared to begin your decorating!

Be sure to watch next month's Design Session as we film while I am decorating.

notes:



let's do this together!