

Deck your halls

The YDA design team from Knaresborough reveal how to get that perfect festive look this year.

When it comes to getting ready for Christmas, planning is everything. Plan, write down and describe in detail what you want to achieve and then take the necessary steps to turn it into reality. If, for example, it's always the lights that cause you a headache, then get them ready and test them early.

Create a list of essential items to get in advance and get there first in your own managed time rather than unmanaged panic. This way the journey through Christmas can be a controlled and enjoyable one.

Firstly, just to clear one thing up, make sure there are lots of decorations on your tree this Christmas. Underdecorated, sparse Christmas trees just won't do and if you have children young or old, there should be decorative

contributions from their short-lived careers as little angels, littered amongst the expensive baubles you bought back in 2000.

Christmas is a great time to feast on all the stimuli we often take for granted.

Simply placing the right materials and objects in the appropriate locations can ignite the senses.

Imagine contrasting textures like natural stone against silk velvet, mirrors against hide and polished steel versus paperback fabric wall coverings. Or a fusion of styles that has something for everyone, eclectic, ethnic, antiqued, retro and glamorous. Generate a real air of sophistication and true glamour, through the use of a muted colour palette and textured metallic surfaces.



A soft sumptuous woollen throw casually draped over the back of the sofa, softens the look and feel of a formal lounge. Slightly dimmed lighting deliberately heightens the senses and gives off that cosy, ambient Christmas feel.

Another nice touch is to have some fresh holly in the house so why not pick some on a leisurely walk before the festivities begin? Just remember to smile when asked "love the holly, was it expensive?"

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