

Carolann Mackie, who, along with her team at The Frugal Decorator, transformed a Carriage Crossing home for the annual HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre Holiday Tour of Homes, creating a space with many great examples of how every homeowner can add festive cheer around a home.

Above all else, Carolann advises having fun with holiday decorating. "Be playful yet classy! We had the privilege of working with these homeowners to pick all of their surface decisions, decorative palette and furnishings when they were building with <code>Heisler</code> <code>Homes</code>," she says. "The clients are fun, youthful and high energy people with busy lifestyles. It was important for the surfaces to be activity proof! The décor in this home reflects their personalities and we developed the holiday theme to reflect this too."

No matter the size or style of your home, Carolann has a few tips to up your game this holiday season and make your décor the best it has ever been. Here are her top tips for decorating for the holidays:

Keep the scheme neutral winter instead of Christmas or holiday specific. "That way the décor can be displayed longer and you can enjoy the festive feeling well into the new year," says Carolann.

Add extra sparkle on a console or hall table. "Keep it simple and elegant with candlelight that is contained in clear or clear-cut glass for sparkle. Milk glass is also lovely and mixing and matching works nicely, too. This creates a lovely warm welcome to holiday guests," says Carolann. Continued on page 28

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Opt for warm white lights for your tree. They show off your tree best and look cosier than cool hue lighting.

Don't forget the base and top of your tree. Carolann says fabric remnants can make a great tree skirt; find cost-effective unique remnants that suit your theme at fabric stores. Pocket-rod drapery panels and vintage tablecloths do the trick, too. "Just be sure to gather them softly under the tree, perhaps raising them underneath with cotton batting for dimension," she says.

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MIX UP SOME HOLIDAY CHEER

Elevate your holiday gatherings with signature cocktails. Here are two recipes The Frugal Decorator team shared in their holiday bar:

THE SNOWBANK

1 ½ oz Malibu Rum 3 Tbsp Coconut Cream 6 large ice cubes

Blend until smooth and serve in a martini glass.

THE MRS. CLAUS

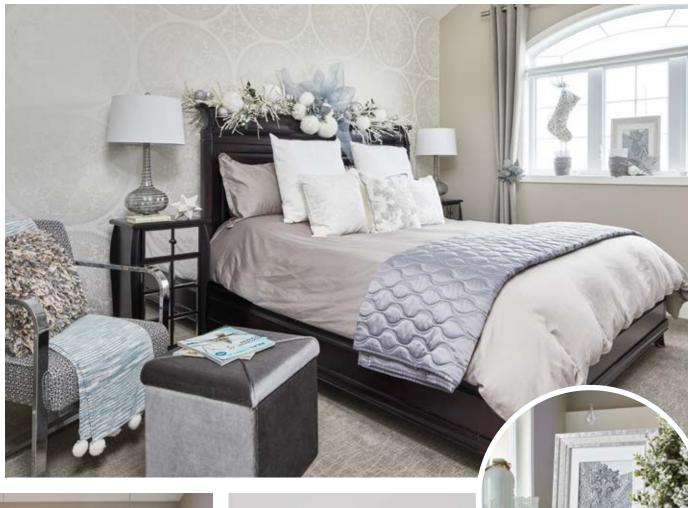
1 bottle Champagne1 bottle Ginger Ale, chilled2 packages of frozen strawberries

Combine all ingredients in a pitcher and stir.



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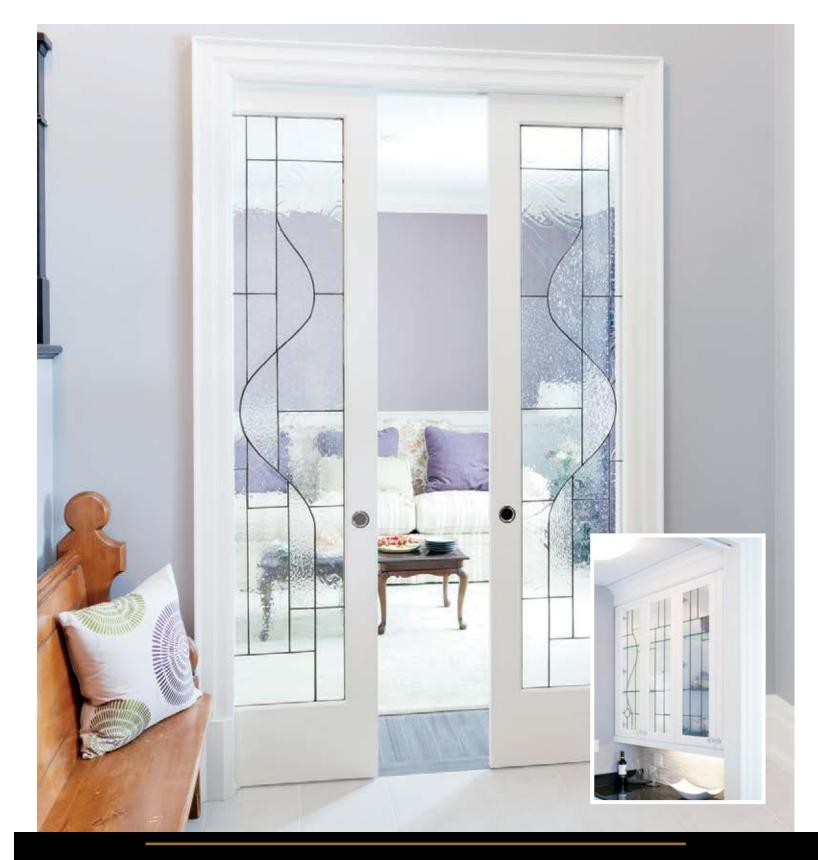






Don't omit your bedroom – it deserves some holiday love too. "Add some sparkle in the master, perhaps to a dresser, above a headboard or at the window ledge," says Carolann. "It's a good way to infuse love and

mixed metals any space and will fit into any décor colour scheme. Aim for "winter wonderland" and you're set. Continued on page 34



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Add holiday cheer in unexpected places: "Repurpose extra photo frames, add holiday sheet music to them and group them together on a shelf or interweave with your family photos. Paint the frames metallic or use mirrored ones if you choose to buy some new."











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tree, says Carolann. "Improvise

ornaments per se. Try botanical

orbs, floral picks and wool. OH

using non-ornament ornaments," meaning items that aren't traditional