



Tips for Decorating Iron Forms

Think in triangles...



When creating centerpieces and mantle forms always work towards the middle with your largest, most prominent piece in the center. This buildup makes for a dramatic look and also creates a focal point for your guests. There are very few “rules” when creating decorative forms but this is one that there is rarely an exception to.

Be unpredictable...



Add interest to a classic look by choosing items for your forms that are fun and different. Lanterns, candles, garden statuary or a large unusual piece of fruit... let your creativity guide you when choosing the large center pieces for your forms. Or if you opt for a more classic overall look then accent your piece with something more out of the ordinary.

Fuller is better...



Once you have your large pieces on your iron form don't forget to fill in the holes with lots of little pieces. Nuts, berries, boxwood sprigs, the list of filler items is endless. The fuller you can make your arrangement the more rich and festive it will seem.

Color is paramount...



Whether you choose a more monochromatic look or one bursting with color make sure you choose your color wisely and keep it balanced and dispersed evenly. If you choose a more monochromatic look for your form find a way to add in a little bit of color to offset your primary color scheme. If you choose to use a lot of color try to decide on 4 or 5 main colors that will make up your “theme” and then keep your arrangement focused around that “theme.” When you are about finished stand back a bit and take a look. This will allow you get a different perspective and will make spots that are too concentrated or out of balance

pop out.

Don't “color” within the lines...



Let your arrangement flow out onto the table or mantle. Add leaves and greenery under the form to fill in the space between the form and the surface it is sitting on. Then add a little excitement to the arrangement by scattering a few nuts or berries around on the table. Make your arrangement fun for your guests to look at!