



## Illuminate Your Mood

*Tips on Creating Ambiance With Lighting Schemes*

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### One If By Land, Two If By Sideboard...



Lanterns—filled with fruit and greens—they can be just the thing to create a fun atmosphere for kids and adults alike. Lanterns evoke thoughts of barns and winding walkways, with a casual feel that lends itself well to regular family meals or buffet-style parties.

As a centerpiece on a table or the ends of a sideboard, you'll find a decoration that has just the right amount of whimsy without being silly. Line them up along your entrance way, and your guests will receive a warm welcome that they won't forget.

### Enscenced In Lighting Design...



I've heard it said that sconces are the perfect mix between art and functionality. They cast a light that feels very romantic and intimate. Often used in an entryway or accenting a small wall, sconces emit just the right amount of light for an elegant meal and light conversation. Often frequently positioned as wall art, these lights are sure attract attention—so why not also make a decoration out of them? A teardrop of simple greens with a ribbon or a garland draped from one sconce to another is a wonderful way to make the most of their beauty. Popular in the 18th century to make the most of expensive candles, sconces with mirrored backs

reflect light to make a room look brighter and larger.

### Votives With Motives...



When it comes to mood lighting, votive candles are the most versatile choice. Grouped together, votives add drama to a room. Cluster them on a set of tiered cake stands, and you have a simple decoration that's breathtaking. Or, line the votives down the middle of a table with some greenery as a base for an easy yet elegant tabletop decoration. If you like to bring some of the garden into your décor, try coring out some gourds or apples and placing the votive candle down in the middle for an effect that's cute and fun

### The Perfect Storm



Oh, the drama of hurricane globes! Just like lanterns, they provide an excellent opportunity to showcase items that create a theme on your tabletop. With the new battery-operated pillar candles available, there's no reason you can't decorate all around the candle. Use cranberries and pinecones, or small gourds and leaves, and the result will be a festive tabletop array. Or, if you're in a time crunch, just lay a season ally appropriate wreath in the middle of your table and place a hurricane globe in the middle for a quick and easy decoration.

### A Candlestick By Any Other Name . . .



I might as well start calling all my candlesticks "decorating sticks," because my favorite thing to do with them doesn't involve candles at all! By making a quick decoration with flowers or greenery and placing it on the top of the candlestick, you've created the perfect pedestal for a small decoration, fresh or faux. The new candleholders are even better for this purpose because you don't need the plastic adapter—you can just place your decoration right on the flat platform meant for candles. And of course, when used with an actual candle, they make a very classic decoration that can be dressed up or down depending on the event.