



HOLIDAY DECOR

This holiday season, break out of the red-and-green box. TCW asked five of Chicago's designers about their tips for putting a room in a highly festive mood.

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JILLIAN RICHEY

Principal Designer, Jillian Richey Design
Showroom Consultant, Sub-Zero & Wolf

"Keep it simple and incorporate larger, impactful pieces that make a statement. Don't be afraid to do something different."

This "snowing" ceiling (right) is a suspended art piece, created by Ms. Richey's cousin and brother. "Try decorating with a craft made by your family, and accept the imperfections."

M. GRACE SIELAFF

Design Principal
M. Grace Designs

Don't shy away from untraditional colors; Ms. Sielaff is partial to pink, teal and yellow. "I love working with these colors, because pink is youthful and sweet, teal is uplifting and yellow is cheerful. It's the perfect match."

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JEANNIE BALSAM

Design Principal, Jeannie Balsam LLC

"Treat your table like your jewelry. Mix new and vintage and all the metal tones: silver, gold, glitter, pewter, bronze." The statement-making centerpiece shown above is Lalique's rectangular crystal Cactus table, originally designed in the early 1950s.

"Pull together glamorous and organic elements to bring out the best attributes in both." This table combines vases, stemware and votives, silver and gold lattice runners, platinum ruffle bowls, diamond jacquard napkins, Lalique Coutard stemware and Ms. Balsam's own wedding china.

HUNTER KAISER

Design Principal, Hunter Kaiser

"Don't feel restricted to the traditional red and green palette. Find creative and imaginative ways to use what you already own, including a collection of treasures from other parts of your home."

ERIN SHAKOOR

Design Principal, Shakoor Interiors

"Greet guests by setting up a 'welcome bar' with bubbly, martinis and small bites. Add comfy seating and side tables from other rooms to allow for overflow." n

Craving more holiday décor ideas? We asked Erin Shakoor, M. Grace Sielaff and Hunter Kaiser to imagine their dream holiday foyer, living room and bedroom. See the results, along with more of our designer's decorating tips, at www.TCWmag.com.

Kitchen, previous pages, designed by Jillian Richey; photographed at Sub-Zero and Wolf Showroom. Dining room, this page, designed by Jeannie Balsam; photographed at the Lalique Design Showroom. For details, see Where to Buy, page 97.