

Bringing the Outdoors Indoors

Local Winter Decoration Ideas

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We spoke with Meg from Mickman Brothers Inc, a garden center in Ham Lake, Minnesota. Meg assured us that there are infinite ways to decorate and incorporate your favorite types of greens as we enter the winter season! At your local garden center, you can expect to find wreaths of many different varieties and sizes, garlands, swags, centerpieces, spruce tip pots and more! Meg shared that there is nothing quite like the fresh scent of greens indoors in the wintertime- and we agree!

Winter décor is great for decorators of all levels of experience! Crafty folk can create Do-It-Yourself decorations supplied with local greens and plants from garden centers, while others may choose from beautiful pre-made

garlands, wreaths, hanging baskets, or centerpieces. Meg told us, "A great way to add a personal touch to your decorations is to assemble them yourself! Check out the varieties of different colors, shapes, and visual interest available at your garden center to incorporate into your winter pot or centerpiece." At Mickman's, customers can assemble their own pieces using spruce tips, juniper, white pine, orbs, birch bark, dogwood, berries, and more! By choosing fresh, local greens, you are ensuring the longest and most beautiful lifespan for your natural decorations.



Do you have an outdoor spring pot or urn? Re-use outdoor spring pots and make them into winter pots! Meg recommends, "Make sure to bring the outdoor pots inside before the soil freezes. It is easier to assemble your new winter pot this way. Don't forget to keep your new creation watered until after the soil freezes." There are also products available at garden centers to help your decorations stay perky all season.



Blue spruce tips from Holasek Flower Power Garden Center

Have you ever purchased a wreath to support a local community organization like boy scouts? You might be surprised to find out that your wreath is Minnesota Grown! Mickman's, a Minnesota Grown Member, is one of the top supplier of wreaths sold for community fundraisers around the state. Ask your local group if their fundraising wreaths are Minnesota Grown this season!

Additionally many Minnesota Grown Christmas tree growers supply and create beautiful custom wreaths and garlands. Check out www.MinnesotaGrown.com to find a Christmas tree grower near to find out!

Many garden centers also have workshops and classes on making DIY decorations for fall and winter. Check out your local garden center and don't miss out on the fun! You'll learn something new, have fun, and make a unique centerpiece or craft!

[Check out our Pinterest page!](#) For DIY projects and decorations, check out our Winter Decorations/Ideas Pinterest board and try something new!



