

# Easing into Christmas Decorating

Having the extra time between Thanksgiving and December has been such a gift. I have been easing into holiday decorating, pulling out the easy stuff that doesn't require 2 or 3 sets of hands. First stop, the bedrooms.

My artistic daughter has such a beautiful bedroom. There is an unusual combination of windows that face east--2 Palladian-style windows and a port hole one over her bed. She has always loved the color black and was delighted when I painted her room that color. John, our expert painter, was skeptical, but with tall white baseboards and wide trim around the doors and windows, the black is just stunning.

Playing on the color theme, I used black and white checked ribbon to hang small wreaths in the windows.





Wired ribbon is so easy to curl any way you want and it hides the push pin.



A battery operated candle is placed in each of the windows on the front of the house. I purchased these from [Frontgate](#) and the flickering flame is rather realistic. They also have a timer option so each night at 6:00 p.m. all the candles light up. They don't have this exact style online but they do have something similar and it is on sale~click [here](#).



In order to give the candle more height, my husband cut blocks of wood, which are wrapped to look like presents.



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Christmas pillows, and we have many, are an easy way to quickly make a room festive. These sweet ones go on all the beds.



This colorful selection perks up the family room sofa. Most were purchased from [Pottery Barn](#).



As with most older, historical homes, this one gets drafty and chilly in the winter. Flannel sheets go on all the beds in the children's rooms and holiday quilts are added on top.





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I find it rather fun to change out the artwork during the year and will be hanging all these today.



This weekend the bigger decorating projects will start and wreaths will go up.



It's been an overcast, cooler week here in Phoenix. Perfect for taking things slowly. Have a wonderful weekend.....I'm off to make some pumpkin bread!

*Mary*