

Creating a Centerpiece with Ordinary Things

It is very easy to get into the habit of doing the same thing over and over again-especially when something is tried and true. At the holidays, I attempt to switch things up a bit and create new ideas out of common things. As Susan and I were getting more treasures out of the barn, we came across several pieces of milk glass and decided to create a simple holiday arrangement/centerpiece.



We started with a tray. This wooden tray was in the mud room, filled with papers that I hadn't gone through in quite some time. After wiping off the dust, we were had our base piece. Any tray that you have laying around will do.



Next we chose this dish towel as it is a nice holiday red color. I like the texture and pattern, but again, any towel, napkin or piece of fabric of your choosing will do. Placing it at an angle creates interest. Probably should have ironed it, but once it is covered, who will know?



Next we added a combination of artificial greens and some

fresh clippings from the yard. Getting different textures and shades of green was the objective.



We also added some ornaments. We found these large glass orbs on one of our shopping trips and I love the vibrant color. Any ornament will do. Next we took a few pieces of the milk glass and filled them with white roses and red berries. Using different container shapes adds multiple heights. The all-white color theme gives it consistency. You could use coffee cups, glasses, any container ready to hold water and flowers. Also, the rule of thumb is to have an odd number of pieces-not sure who's rule it is, but it seems to work!





Lastly, we added a taper candle in a milk glass holder for height and dimension. This was a simple, easy and yet festive arrangement that would look great on any table. The milk glass containers will be available soon on our online store. Please let me know what everyday items you use for centerpieces! Happy creating!



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