## Holiday Dining Room Decor

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Yesterday, I went shopping for pink (yes, pink!) Christmas ornaments. Seriously. What was I thinking?!? Hobby Lobby is one endless row of empty shelves after another. Online shopping will get you ornaments at the end of December. Not admitting defeat, I checked out Michaels. Again, hardly any inventory, but I went down every aisle and hidden, in a strange out of the way place I found what I was looking for! And now the holiday decor for the dining room is complete! To see more about the decor evolution of this room, click <a href="here">here</a>.

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The inspiration~pink striped ribbon

This year, I am happy to report that we have a live, Noble fir tree tucked into the corner and smells H.E.A.V.E.N.L.Y! If you recall, this is the room with the burgundy/pink rug (clashing with the typical red and green for Christmas). But the fresh tree and a pretty roll of pink striped ribbon, is the basis for the inspiration. Click <u>here</u> for the ribbon.



Pink ornaments from Michaels

With our Michaels' purchase of a few packages of miscellaneous ornaments and floral picks, my sweet daughter, Elisabeth and I began decorating the tree. Since ornaments do not seem to come with their own hangers, we use pipe cleaners to attach them to the tree.



Still debating whether I need a tree topper of some sort, but for now the pink striped ribbon bow will do.



The glittery floral picks catch the reflection from the clear light strands.

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To cover the tree stand, I use a pink and white quilt (that typically makes an appearance for Valentine decorations).

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Completed with wrapped packages decorated in fun pink holiday paper, the tree is complete.

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The pink tree ties in nicely with the mantel, which has a variety of bottle brush trees, garland, pink peppercorns, gold berry picks and a garland of sparkly balls. To see last year's mantel decorations and the sources for the trees, click <u>here</u>.

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Though not really planned, it appears trees are the theme in this room. On the dining room table, tinsel and white conical trees, candles and pink roses make up the centerpiece.

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Centerpiece of trees and roses

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With our dry weather, I don't need to polish the silver tea/coffee service often. But it hadn't been cleaned since last December, so it is definitely time to do so. Not my favorite task, but a little elbow grease is rewarded with gleaming silver.

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A toothbrush helps get into the nooks and crannies

A simple addition of more trees here too along the pink linen

runner from Williams Sonoma.

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My second Christmas painting, done in 2017, rests on the wainscoting trim behind the buffet.

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My 2nd official holiday painting 2017

In stepping back to look at the room, I just love how it looks this year.

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I have always wanted a tree in this room. Initially I thought an artificial tree, perhaps a white one, but the fresh tree looks spectacular and fills the room with the scent of the great outdoors. Such a delight!

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A warm, magical holiday mood happens at night when all the lights from the tree and mantel are on, and the candles glow in the windows.

So the big fresh tree in the living room gets decorated today. It fell over last night but thankfully it was bare without ornaments and lights. Missed my December 15th deadline for sending out our Christmas cards too! But who cares? It's the holiday season and time for merriment, right?

Have an amazing Wednesday!

Mary

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