# **Two More Holiday Mantels**

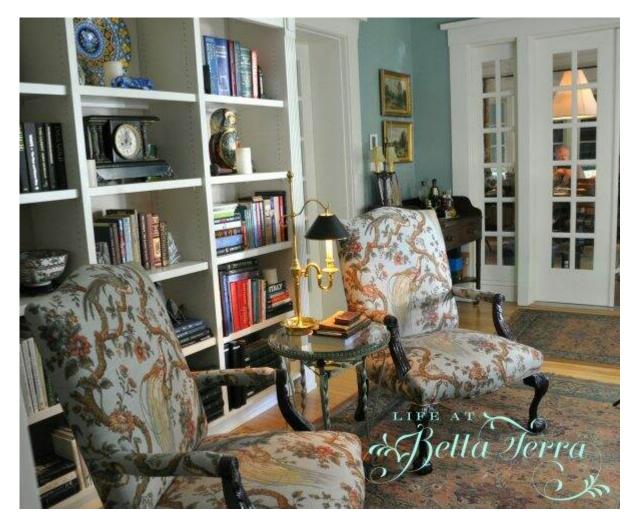
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Home Depot lantern

Happy Saturday, my friends! I hope you have enjoyed the past two posts on the two mantels my dear friends created when they visited here a few weeks ago. Today I want to present the last two holiday mantels. With 7 fireplaces, I will have three to decorate on my own. I can honestly say my friends have set the bar high and I only hope I can decorate the remaining ones with the same ingenuity and creativity as these.

If you missed the previous posts, <u>here</u> is the one on the romantic mantel in my art studio. And the link to the stunning, abundant one in the living room is <u>here</u>.

## The Library



This cozy, small room is well used during the winter months. With the fireplace going, it is a popular spot with the pets. It is also a good place to stop and warm up as you are passing through to the family room. With only two chairs, it is also the perfect place for conversation or a glass of wine or cup of coffee.

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#### Chas from Chas Crazy Creations

The mastermind behind this mantel design is Chas from <u>Chas</u> <u>Crazy Creations</u>. Chas is such a sweet person and I think she should have her own crafting show. Find an unusual object? Chas will quickly come up with 100 uses for it. Seriously, she can turn a pumpkin into a carriage. Not only is she creative, but I may have mentioned her Mindful Minutes~60 seconds a day to stop, breathe and do some relaxing exercises. Mindful Minutes can be found on Chas instagram account <u>here</u>. ×

#### Andrea from Design Morsels

Starting with a string or two of white lights, Chas patiently tucks coffee filters, yes, coffee filters in between each of the lights. Aided by the very talented Andrea from <u>Design</u> <u>Morsels</u>, they create an ethereal, angelic look in the library.

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Since this is only the dark colored fireplace we have, the coffee filters look like a string of petticoats. How beautiful would this be in a girl's room? I'm not sure you can dye coffee filters but I'm imagining pink ones like a ballerina's tutu.

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Even Sox loves this room and he approves of the garland! Often we find him sleeping in front of the fire. I love that the feminine look of the garland goes with the delicate inlaid design in the fireplace surround.

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This garland also reminds me of a feather boa~with all its simplicity but impact. To see more about our library, click <u>here</u>.

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### The Outdoor Back Terrace Fireplace

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Just when the talented team thought they were done with decorating fireplaces, my husband asked them to tackle the one on the back terrace.



Chloe from Celebrate and Decorate If you read <u>the pos</u>t about the antler centerpiece on the table setting in the orchard, then you know my friend Chloe from Celebrate and Decorate loves these antlers.

Chloe, Andrea and Chas Chloe, Andrea and Chas Since the fireplace is already rustic, Chloe uses the other antler as the base to the decorations. Chas and Andrea lend their expertise to the design.

Greens and sprigs are layered in between the antlers.

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Red berries, crystal branches, pinecones and a red plaid ribbon really spruce up the look.

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Over the summer, I purchased these lovely lanterns from Home Depot (see that bargain blog post<u>here</u>). Chloe made the fluffy bows and we use 4 lanterns to decorate the fireplace. These narrow pine trees are my favorite especially when they are clustered like a mini forest. Plaid bow from Home Depot. You can find similar at Amazon <u>here</u>.

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So now the pressure is on for me to complete the last 3 mantels. My house looks confused~fall in one corner and Christmas/winter in another. But for some reason I'm in no hurry. With holiday music playing, I am taking my time. The goal is to truly enjoy this holiday without all the stress and rushing around.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend! It was actually 32 degrees here the other morning and I'm afraid to see if any frost damage occurred in the garden. Chilly starts and ends of the day, but nice and pleasant in between. Love the weather this time of year. Be well, everyone!

Mary

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