

From Inexpensive to Extravagant Holiday Décor

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She says she is always on the lookout for what might work. “Sometimes it’s that ‘thing’ that finds you. It’s almost never in your budget but it’s a must have item that is true to how you envision your holiday home,” Soso says. “It becomes a treasure and delight from year to year. You use it and embrace it. But you have to be open to seeing it.”

Lamorindans wanting a more extravagant look adorn the base of Christmas trees with silk taffeta tree skirts or fabricated multi-use gift boxes. Others get ideas from department store displays, in magazine spreads – or in one of the many gift catalogues clogging mailboxes this time of year.

So what is this year’s hottest holiday trend?

“Custom trees are all the rage with the high-end,” says Daniel Coxon, assistant project manager at Couture Chateau in Orinda. The firm recently spent more than two weeks custom dipping and painting a faux tree to create a striped look and created custom ornaments for a unique yellow-themed Christmas tree. “We just waited for the inspiration to hit and once it did ... well, wow!”

Whether choosing the inexpensive or extravagant, Lamorinda homes are sure to be beautifully dressed for the season. For more holiday décor ideas, visit www.couturechateau.wordpress.com.

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