

Stylish Solutions

Tie up Your Holiday Decorating

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only thing holding you back is the number of pine cones and length of your rope. If you need to string light sets together, tape the battery packs to the back of a pine cone on the garland. A heavy dose of double-sided tape works well, but do use enough to hold. For large battery packs, you may need to hack off the back side of one pinecone to hide. Did I say hack off? I meant cut off carefully.

This simple garland is easy to make with all sizes of pine cones. For our Tahoe clients, we walk their properties and locate the biggest cones possible, dip them in paint, add a touch of "spray snow" (aka flocking) on the tips, and voila, a simple, natural, inspired décor.

For bookends, bowl displays and inserts for trees, consider dipping the tops instead of the bottoms. Add some gathered sticks and twigs and call it a day.

Let me know how your holiday home is coming along, and remember – no stress! This is about you and yours celebrating the holiday as best serves you and yours.

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Shalom, from my home to yours!

Wait 24 to 36 hours to use. Make sure paint is dry before placing on furniture! For the garland: About two rows down from the top, wrap and knot tie the pine cones so they don't move, using a strong but simple rope. Be careful that the rope you use doesn't break easily. Some brands are less hardy than others. Vary the spacing according to your design eye. We have gone as narrow as 4 inches for an almost solid look and as wide as 24 inches for an oversized, contemporary look. For a festive touch, add fairy lights that are battery operated.

I like this garland because it can be as long as needed. No 6-foot limits! The

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