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## Style All Winter Long

Six strategies for decorating your home once the holidays are over.

### Warm It Up!

#### Dark Tones

It's a classic decorating quandary: How can you keep a home looking warm and inviting once the holiday decorations come down?

The solution? Make seasonal changes with color, texture, and cozy touches. Here are six ideas for doing just that. Tweak your decor with the addition of darker colors -- in paint, rugs, pillows, or other accessories. This bedroom has a bordered duvet cover for winter that can be switched for paler or brighter colors in summer.

#### Warmer Color

A chocolate brown blanket and luscious persimmon-colored duvet cover give this all-white bed a winter makeover, yet the same technique could be used in a living room as well. Try slipcovers to update the look of summer-weight upholstery.



#### Throws and Pillows

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By the same token, it's easy to replace summer pillows with versions better suited to the season -- perhaps with covers made from velvet, chenille, or corduroy. Bring in cozy throws to warm toes while reading. Light a fire and pull chairs a bit closer to the fireplace. Or put down a dark Oriental rug. These touches will serve your rooms well and offer the warmer look that's just right for the winter months.

### More Winter Ideas

#### Draperies

This room feels cozy thanks to a wall of draperies in a warm tan color. The fabric serves to soften the room as well as add a neutral hue.



### Grow Something Fresh

Without the life and sparkle of holiday greenery, rooms can seem drab. Plants can bring back that lovely look. Grow your own spring bulbs or try flowering or green plants.



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#### Delve into Decorating

Mid-winter is the perfect time to learn more about home decorating. Think you already know enough? Then use books and magazines to get re-inspired!

You may come up with a perfect solution for a problem area or lackluster corner!

