

Choose artwork that speaks to you and you will never go wrong. "Artwork stands on its own, and a good piece of art can go anywhere," she added.

Accessorize

Another surefire way to warm up your interiors is to decorate with accessories that express your personality and appeal to your senses. "To achieve a good end result, you want to appeal to all five senses in each room of your home," said Susan Boisseau, owner of Lydia's Gifts and More in Raleigh. "The colors and artwork on the walls will be set off beautifully by soft lighting. Candles add color and flattering light, creating a nice ambiance. Accent pillows not only look good but they add a soft touch too."

Boisseau also recommended adding something unique to each room that veers away from the overall theme to help achieve a balanced look. "Adding something not so stiff and formal to a living room, for example, or a formal piece to a casual family room, offers a nice effect."

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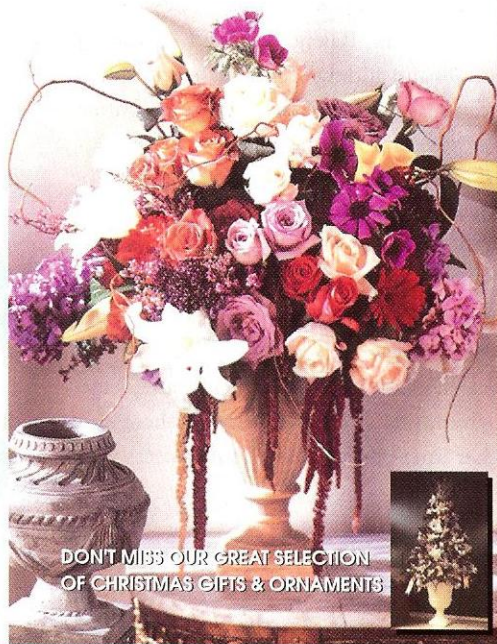
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