

# *Holiday Decorating Ideas*

## Hot Tips For Cool Holiday Decor

(NAPSA)—Christmas past—the retro look—is the spirit of the season when decorating these days. As a special present, however, it can be achieved with ease thanks to Christmas-futuristic technology that puts you in charge of how your Christmas lights will sparkle.

Start with a tall Norway tree with clear and multicolored mini-lights that are pre-strung and operated by a 10-button remote control. You turn the lights on or off, make them twinkle or fade, or illuminate sequentially.

Next, combine the tree with a wreath and garland set with clear and multicolored minilights, or decorate your natural or artificial tree and garland with LED (light-emitting diode) lights that use up to 80 percent less energy. Cool-touch pinecone-shaped bulbs magnify the light.

An elegant artificial pine includes 40 large shatterproof ornaments, wide wire-edged ribbon, fabric bows, a large wire-ribbon topper bow, and 400 clear lights. A metal stand, center pole and ground spikes are also included. You can choose a burgundy and gold-themed or exclusive silver-themed tree.

If you prefer the nostalgic look of the '60s and '70s, you can get a silver-tone tree with fiber-optic bundles that provide tiny points of brightly colored lights, or select a small artificial tree pre-decorated with bubble-light ornaments in red and green.

Among the many new exterior décor items this season are a collection of acrylic-wrapped light sculptures that create a beautiful crystal-glow effect when lit. These include fullyround trees in green



**This classic, elegantly decorated artificial pine tree sets up in seconds.**

or clear minilights, each with an amber star topper.

Colorful rope lights have lots of bulbs per foot in clear, red or green. Three adorable pre-lit artificial “stake” trees are great for lining a walk. They’re available in multicolor or clear.

For whimsy, place a holographic train locomotive, gift-box car and caboose or a set of two holographic gift boxes in the yard. Easy-to-attach Holographic Window Displays are another quick and clever way to decorate. They come in reindeer, sleigh, snowman, gift boxes and tree.

All these items, along with elegant music boxes, stocking holders and other in-home decor items, can be found in the exciting new Improvements catalog, on line at [www.improvementscatalog.com](http://www.improvementscatalog.com) or at 800-642-2112.