

# Holiday Hints

## Warm Harvest Themes

(NAPSA)—From Thanksgiving through the new year, Americans are preparing for in-home entertaining and dining. The overall goal: create a warm, comfortable environment which allows guests to relax and enjoy.



**When you're home for the holidays, you can make your decorating dollars go further by shopping at off-price stores.**

"The key to successful gatherings is planning ahead," explains T.J. Maxx spokesperson Laura McDowell. "A warm harvest theme sets the table aglow, and is the perfect choice for elaborate buffets, sit-down dinners or casual open houses."

Be creative in setting the holiday table; use a variety of different plates in coordinating colors and patterns. Pair a deep crimson charger with gold leaf china and a beautiful ceramic salad or dessert plate with a matching berry-and-leaf pattern. A simple yet elegant linen napkin adds sophistication, especially when presented in a sculptured napkin ring.

As you decorate, strive to create a visual scene which sets the mood as well as the table. Some interesting accents include bringing the outdoors in by using branches, berries and leaves as centerpieces. A lantern provides both ambiance and lighting; a sumptuous bowl of fruit (fresh or faux) can be a beautiful focal point. Consider displaying more than one "centerpiece."

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