

Holiday Hints

Add A Sparkle To Your Home

(NAPSA)—With the simple touch of metallics, you can add a delightful glow to your home decorating for the holidays. A new line of specialty metallic threads features sparkling tones that are easy to use as decorative highlights.

From subtle pearlescent shades to brilliant jewel tones to rich antique hues, these *Light Effects* threads are great for sparkling embellishment this holiday season.

Here's how:

- Try twisting threads of different colors together to make a decorative cording to tie napkins for a holiday table setting or weave the cording into a wreath and even through fresh cut evergreenery. Arrange it on a fireplace mantle or use it as a festive table centerpiece.

- Personalize your Christmas tree skirt with the names of each family member, all around the outer edge. Just have each person "sign" his or her name with a transfer pen and backstitch over the written lines to create your next family heirloom!

- Cross-stitch a special keepsake Christmas ornament. Then use twisted cording, made from the same threads, to finish the ornament edging and for the hanger.

- To bring holiday sparkle to casual get-togethers, use a tracing pen to draw a stylish free-



Festive table settings with an elegant holiday air can be easily created with hand-embroidered linens and braided tassels.

hand design on the leg of a pair of jeans. Then use one of the lustrous threads to stitch over the traced lines.

- For a jolly touch, tie a piece of fresh cut holly with some of the threads and complementary ribbon and attach both to the top of a picture frame.

- Wrap your presents with these colorful *Light Effects* threads from DMC, making each one a unique treasure to open. Try combining three different colors for a rich, festive look to tie around a wrapped gift and attach a personalized gift card.

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