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The entrance to your home sets the stage for family, guests, and neighbors to join in the festivities you have planned for the Holiday Season.

To newcomers – it is the very first impression.

To others – it is a reminder of the care and attention to detail that you have lavished on the Holidays.

Your entrance announces to the outside world your celebration of the Season.

All doors have architectural designs that compliment the home they are attached to. The most impressive decorations follow these designs and highlight their finer aspects. Even a simple wooden or stock metal door can be transformed into a decorating delight with a handsome wreath of evergreen bows and bright ribbons.

If your home also has side lights and transoms, these too should be accented and brought to everyone's attention. Urns, planters, shutters, etc. can emphasize the entrance to your home with Holiday touches and even lighting.

Natural materials are absolutely ideal for this time of year and can definitely add elegance to any entryway. Wherever you live, whatever type of climate you have, use your creativity and the supplies that Mother Nature literally leaves at your disposal. Not only evergreen bows, but seedpods, driftwood, acorns, assorted greens, berries, and even seashells, fruit, and vegetables can be turned into options that have color, texture, and appeal.

Your choice of decor does not have to be complicated – using your imagination and creativity and asking family members to join in the projects, can bring about beauty untold and a very welcoming door to your home during the Holiday Season.

Red shiny, or velvet ribbons, natural pinecones or painted cones that echo or contrast with your door coloring, or adding a bit of snow to holly leaves, berries, and ribbon add a dimension of hospitality and friendliness.

Lighting in the form of tiny clear bright bulbs or colored lights not only add beauty but safety especially if ice or snow are your winter weather hazards. Walkway lanterns and porch lights can join in the fun with ribbons and greenery.

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From a garden gate, down a walkway, up some stairs and the finale – the door – can be used as a focal point and attraction that will let the world know that your home delights in the Season and even strangers are wished the Best of Holiday Cheer.

ENJOY!

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A New Pet For the Holidays? Say It Isn't So!

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Many households dream of presenting a fuzzy dog or cat as a surprise gift for a special holiday. But holidays are typically very busy as everyone rushes about to get things done — which isn't an ideal time to introduce a new member of the family!

Pets are living, breathing, thinking, feeling creatures. Over the holidays, chances are your regular routine is disrupted — which means that feeding, housetraining and adapting a new pet to your home will require time you may not have. Children may also inadvertently frighten or injure a new pet in the excitement.

Keep in mind that although many people love animals, some don't necessarily want the responsibility that comes with owning a pet. There are financial obligations, of course, including food, treats, vet care, grooming, and one-time costs such as spay/neuter surgery, a kennel, and grooming supplies. There is also the fact that adopting a pet is a long-term commitment — dogs and cats can live well into their teens!

It's an unfortunate tragedy that after the holidays, unwanted pets are deposited at an animal shelter to hope for the best. Instead of giving a pet, try one of these alternatives instead:

* Ask the local animal shelter for a 'gift certificate'. The recipient of your gift can then go to the shelter and select the right pet for himself.

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* Provide other 'goodies' that a new pet owner can use after a pet joins the family: gift certificates for pet-sitting, obedience training, or for supplies at a local pet store. Or fill a basket with pet 'goodies' such as a brush, bowls, treats, and toys.

* Books for the pet lover: for example, dog lovers may appreciate a book that offers photos and descriptions of different dog breeds. It will help the recipient choose the right type of dog for his or her lifestyle.

Pets enrich our lives and good homes are always needed. However, adopting a pet is a major decision that should not be rushed — so please, enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends... and consider welcoming a new furry friend after the hustle and bustle have died down. Then you can be free to relax and enjoy welcoming the newest member of your family to your home.

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