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When it gets cold outside, don't you just love the feeling you get when you snuggle up with something warm and cozy?

What if you could create that same warm feeling when you're inside at home, just by adding a few choice home decorating accessories? Well, you can!

Here are several cozy home decorating ideas to help you and your guests feel warmer at this time of year.

1. Move to Florida! Nah, just kidding. :)
2. Get out your favorite throw or fleece blanket, or buy a new one, and place it on your sofa for cuddling. During the daytime or when not in use, you can drape it on the back of your sofa to enjoy the pattern or picture on it and add a bit of "warmth" to your room.
3. Get that fireplace going that's been inactive all year. And if you don't have a fireplace, it's a great time to get some candles glowing in your home.
4. Add the scent of cinnamon, vanilla or other "warm" aromas to please you while you're indoors. Try a scented candle or use a fragrant oil in an oil warmer. Or, cook up some treat that will please your tastebuds and fragrance your home as well. You can bake some cinnamon rolls or enjoy some spiced hot cider, for instance.
5. Add pillows and fluffiness. There are many types of decorative pillows you can add to your living room, family room, and to your beds. These are good accessories that add a cozy feel to your rooms and they also are just plain fun to use— under your head, over your legs, hugged between your arms, they actually do help to keep

you warm besides those throws you've gotten out.

6. Even if you don't move to Florida, you can still transport yourself to a tropical climate and start anticipating spring by adding a flowering plant or some cut flowers to your kitchen or dining room table. Include some palm tree low wattage lamps by your reading nook or on your nightstand. Get a CD of some Jimmy Buffet island music and enjoy relaxing to those tropical tunes.

So let the right textures, sights, scents and sounds hug you. And let your imagination take you to warmer places and no cares.

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Decorating, Where There's a Will There's a Way

By Mike Yeager

Decorating anything is one of the easiest things in the world! And when it comes to decorating your home, if one has a will and there is always a way. It helps, of course, to know about materials, including building materials, textiles and fabrics and furnishings including antique and modern furnishings. Add to this a few home decorating ideas and you can transform your house into a home that beckons!

Decorating ideas are always available.

Home is where the "art" is - especially when decorating ideas are so easily available. Intelligent interior decorating means employing all the little things that matter - energy–saving lighting; a down comforter which not only looks attractive but also provides a cozy, comfortable element that all bedrooms deserve; judicious use of patterned upholstery; and so on.... Plants, whether real or fake, can make any room in your home more desirable. They can be placed on shelves or hung on hooks. Large plants, such as Fig trees or Philodendrons can be placed in corners of the room to add color and warmth.

It is said that lighting should be arranged to form a triangle, so use this as a guide when placing lamps. And if you have a fireplace, consider having bookshelves surrounding it as this would be a good place for a specialized collection of statues or attractive dolls. If a room is contemporary, highlight it with a bold antique to add that special element of surprise. Consider what your interiors can do for you - especially after what you have done for your interiors!

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