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Holiday Indulging on the Cheap



With the fluctuation of the economy, it is safe to say that many of us have had an unpredictable year and as we wrap up the last season of 2009, many of us must continue to be careful with the financial choices we will make. Now that all the major holidays are in clear view, the anxiety about how much to spend on gifts, hosting, parties and holiday decorating starts to add up quickly. With some creativity we can all secretly decorate for the holidays on the cheap while still being chic!

Re-fluff your bedroom for the holidays

Refreshing your own bedroom or your guest bedroom can be done on the cheap! For less than \$80 for a duvet set, and \$17 for an accent pillow, you can redress your bed with a new look that will keep your space feeling trendy and will certainly make any overnight holiday guests envy your stylish linens.

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New holiday colours

The hot colors for this holiday season include purples, mauves, charcoals and greys. We have certainly moved away from the traditional greens and reds and have opened our homes to other vibrant hues for the holiday season. Decorate your home with pillows, throws and feather accessories. Feathers hit the runways last year and the trend still holds strong for this year's Christmas season. For more information visit bouclair.com



Gold for less!

Gold and bronze are very hot for the winter season. Everything from home decor to specialty hardware for the home is now appearing in gold.

Are you looking to entertain on a dime and are in desperate need of fancy china? Don't despair; you can find a trendy gold set of dishes that will set you back less than \$25 for a full set.

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Home holiday gadgets

When cooking for the holidays this year, use fun kitchen gadgets to make your kitchen experience more exciting. Look for silicone coasters, spoon rests and trivets. These also make for some amusing and unique design gifts at bargain prices.

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Many local retailers and big box stores have an abundance of dazzling decorations to choose from, so think outside the box and don't tempt yourself with the high end stores for home decorating unless your wallet can handle it. You can also reserve the specialty products and unique finds to those pricier stores, but remember to shop around because you can find bargains for the majority of holiday products on the market. **CL**



Bargains at your grocery store

For everyday holiday decorating, staple items like decanters, wine buckets and trendy champagne glasses can be found at your local supermarket for a bargain.

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