



Dvira Ovadia displays colour and height options, with some glam and some sparkle, using some of this season's trendiest pieces

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From the Ground Up, Dvira has always been involved in design. She holds a Master Degree in Interior Design from the Pratt Institute in New York and has traveled the world to fuel her design passion. Most recently she has been working in collaboration online for Yahoo! Lifestyles.

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1 themes Opulent, earthy, pure and natural looks are in style with twigs, nests, exotic birds, branches and feathers as well as organic shapes, velvets, exotic and lively hues.

2 bold colours, prints & patterns Colours - Navy blue, purple and apple green are in. Rich chocolate browns and metallics such as gold, bronze, copper and even pewter or platinum will give annual traditions a modern feel. Prints and patterns - scrolls, fleurs-de-lis and damasks on table cloths, napkins, backdrops and throw pillows can be dramatic and chic.

3 feathers are in From ostrich, to peacock, pheasant and plumes - exotic feathers are the latest trend. In lieu of real feathers, use images and prints on fabrics, tablecloths and pillows.

4 fresh fruit As an alternative to flowers, integrate seasonal fruit such as apples, pears, limes and pomegranates to bring out vivid tones and generating an element of freshness.

5 add zing to your table By adding height, texture and vibrant colours with chargers, bowls, a new set of stemware, decorative dishes and vases. Try different shapes, colours and sizes of traditional tableware.

6 bring the outdoors in Use images, prints or ornaments in the shape of birds, butterflies and other animals.

7 accessorize and glamourize Elements of sparkle and frost have always been a part of holiday decorating. This year, glam it up with mirrors, shine, glass ornaments, disco balls and anything that sparkles.

8 turn it upside down Whether it's a Christmas tree or ornaments, be bold and look at ways to introduce different sizes and shapes. Release your inner diva and liven up tired traditional trees by adding personal touches such as glitter and flash.

9 create a conversation piece Utilize all the innovative trends of the season to ensure friends and family remember your dinner party for years to come, like a unique centerpiece that sits on the table, or even suspend your typical tabletop centerpiece from above.

10 the bottom line Have fun with what you do and let your creative senses run wild. In decorating, nothing is ever wrong if you love it. **10**