

ONE MANTEL, Three Ways

These holiday styling ideas are sure to bring joy to your season.

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s you gather with loved ones by the fire during the holidays, there's just something about a mantel draped with garland and greenery that sets the scene for cozy gatherings. The living room is the center of seasonal activity and,

next to the Christmas tree, the mantel is the main focal point, so it's essential that it adds to the joy of the yuletide festivities. We asked prop stylist Rachel Rivers and photographer Kristin Austin to show us fresh decorating ideas for the mantel of Raana Zarea, owner of the rug shop Zartiques.



"Larger objects make a bigger statement than lots of little things," Rivers explains. Use a soft neutral palette with evergreens and winter whites. Mix faux garland with natural greenery to add texture, and incorporate light wood tones with accessories like beaded garland, miniature houses and trees, and this wooden wall decor from Elle Woods Co.



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Mix antiques, found objects, and items already in your home like books and plants to create an eclectic global look. "Include things that bring you joy," Rivers suggests. The planter is from For Garden's Sake and similar stockings are available at Zartiques.

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midcentury-modern look with multicolor bottlebrush trees, felted garland, and even some colorful artwork. "Remember to mix shapes, color, height, and texture," Rivers says. To infuse the look with personality, add quirky objects like this gold pig by Harry Allen.

