

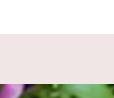
Odds are, most of you were unable to spend the holidays with families and friends last year. I hope things will be different for you this year. Holiday celebrations and gatherings can be the best way to get the last two years behind. Ameni!

Time to fill the holiday season with dining, laughing, and shopping! Yes, I said it, let's go shopping! I want to offer ways to warm up and 'tun' up your home as you entertain and reconnect this season.

Decorating for the holidays can be delightful. Not only is it fun to create a festive mood in the home, but it is a unique opportunity to choose decor different from your everyday style. A good place to start is designing with nature (and not with your uncle's camo shirt), especially since we were penned up inside last season.

**It feels good and looks good.**

Holiday style trends run the gamut in colors this year. Of course, there are greens and blues, reds and golds, white and silver but, I am delighted to see more bolds, sans greys, pinks, and pastels. With the myriad of color options in the marketplace these days, you can vary the combinations, creating a unique, stylish space.

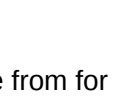


You may choose to use your dining room and table as the primary source of your holiday decor. The holiday meal is remarkable and one of the most significant ways to show family and friends how much you adore them. A wrapped gift at each place setting is a special, personal touch.

**ELEGANT**



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There are many themes you can choose from for the season. I think it's nice when holiday decor has a point of view or story. Here are a few ideas.

**RUSTIC TRADITION**



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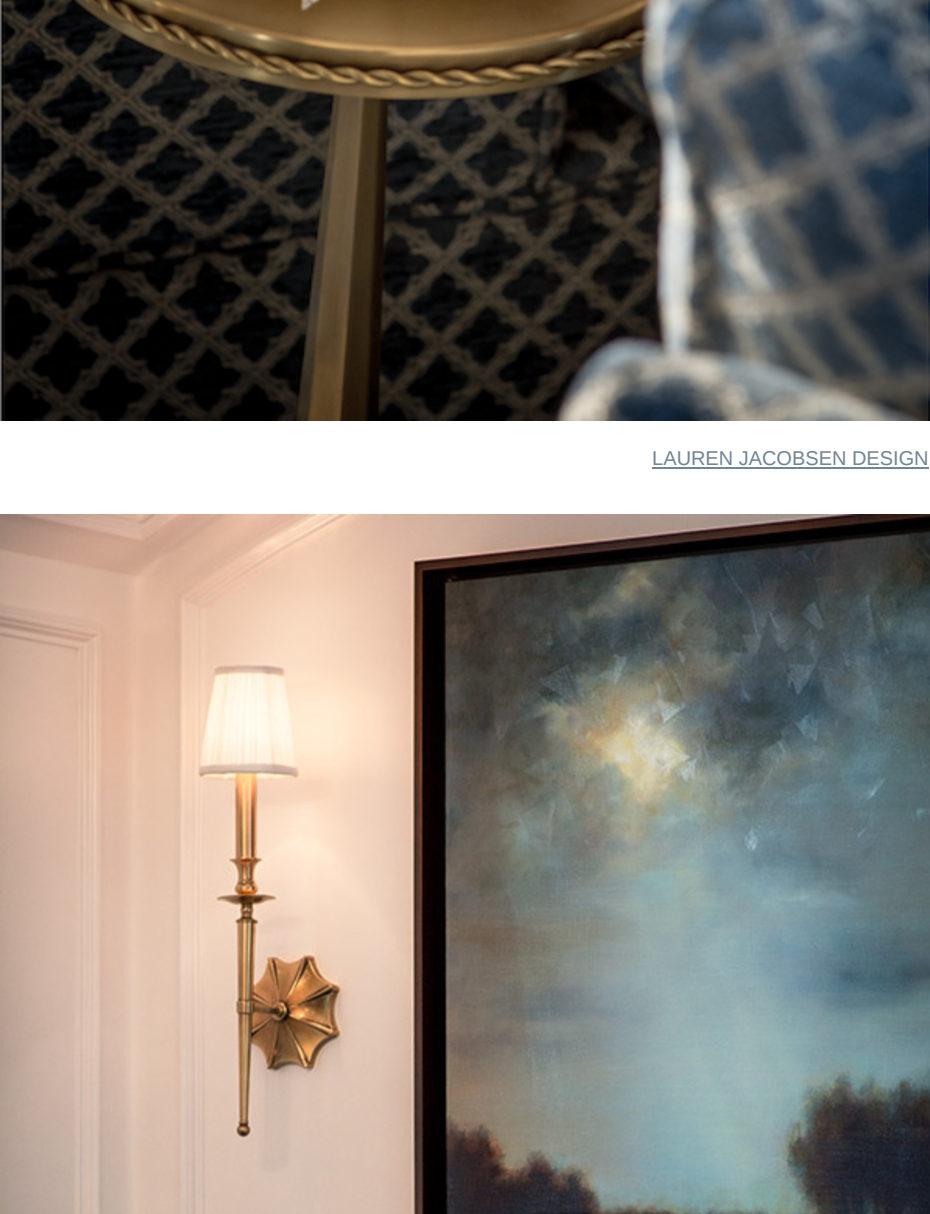
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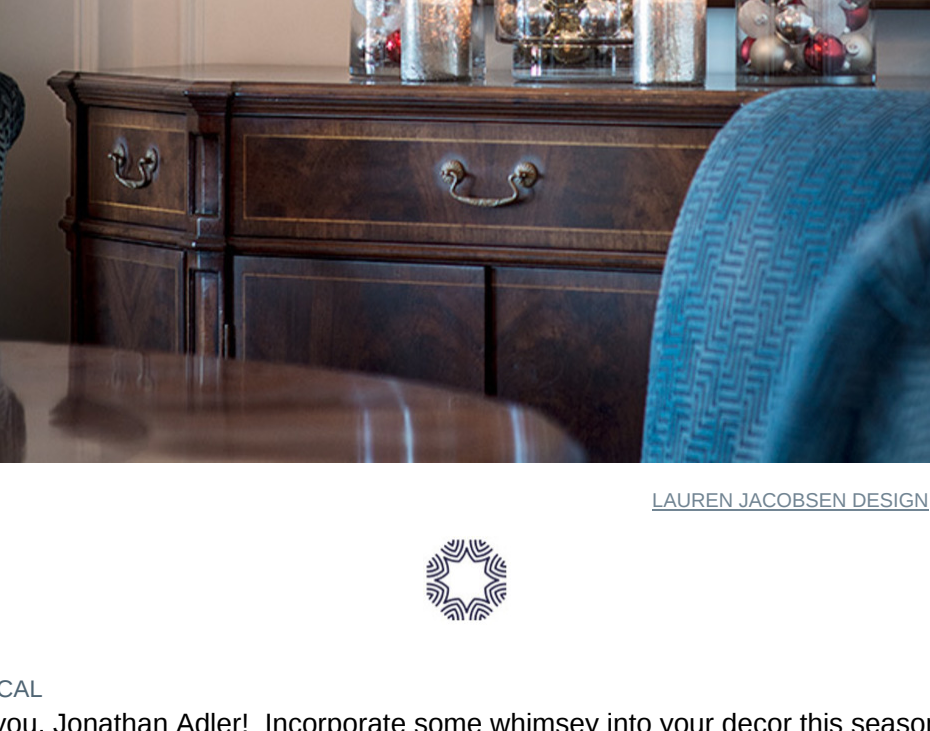
**LESS IS MORE**  
Live in a small space or prefer a more subtle hand in your holiday decor? It does not need to be over the top. Put out the best of the best, or be clever and keep it super simple. I says you're in a festive mood, just not so into cleaning up needles and packing up multiple storage bins until the next year.



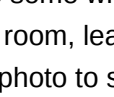
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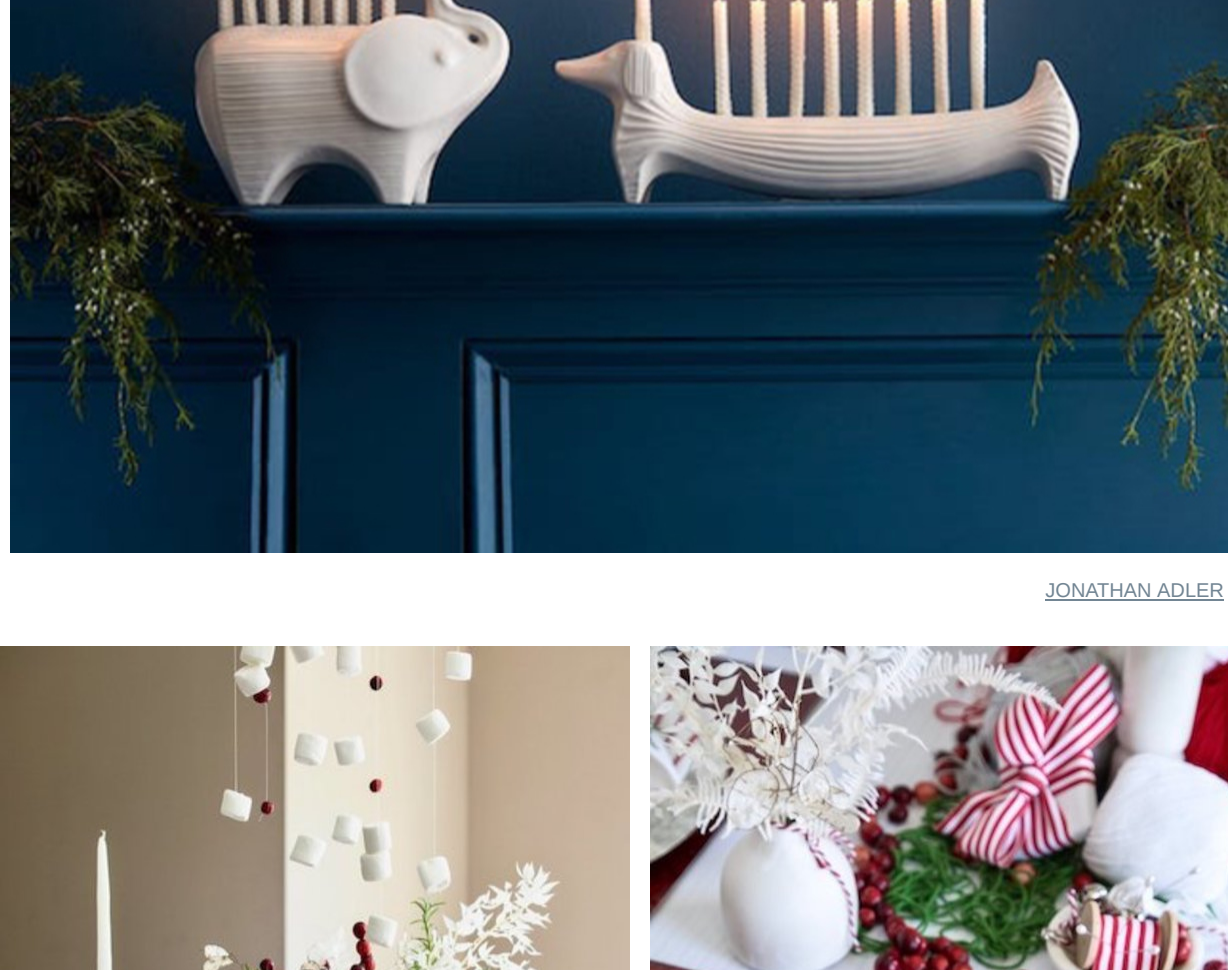
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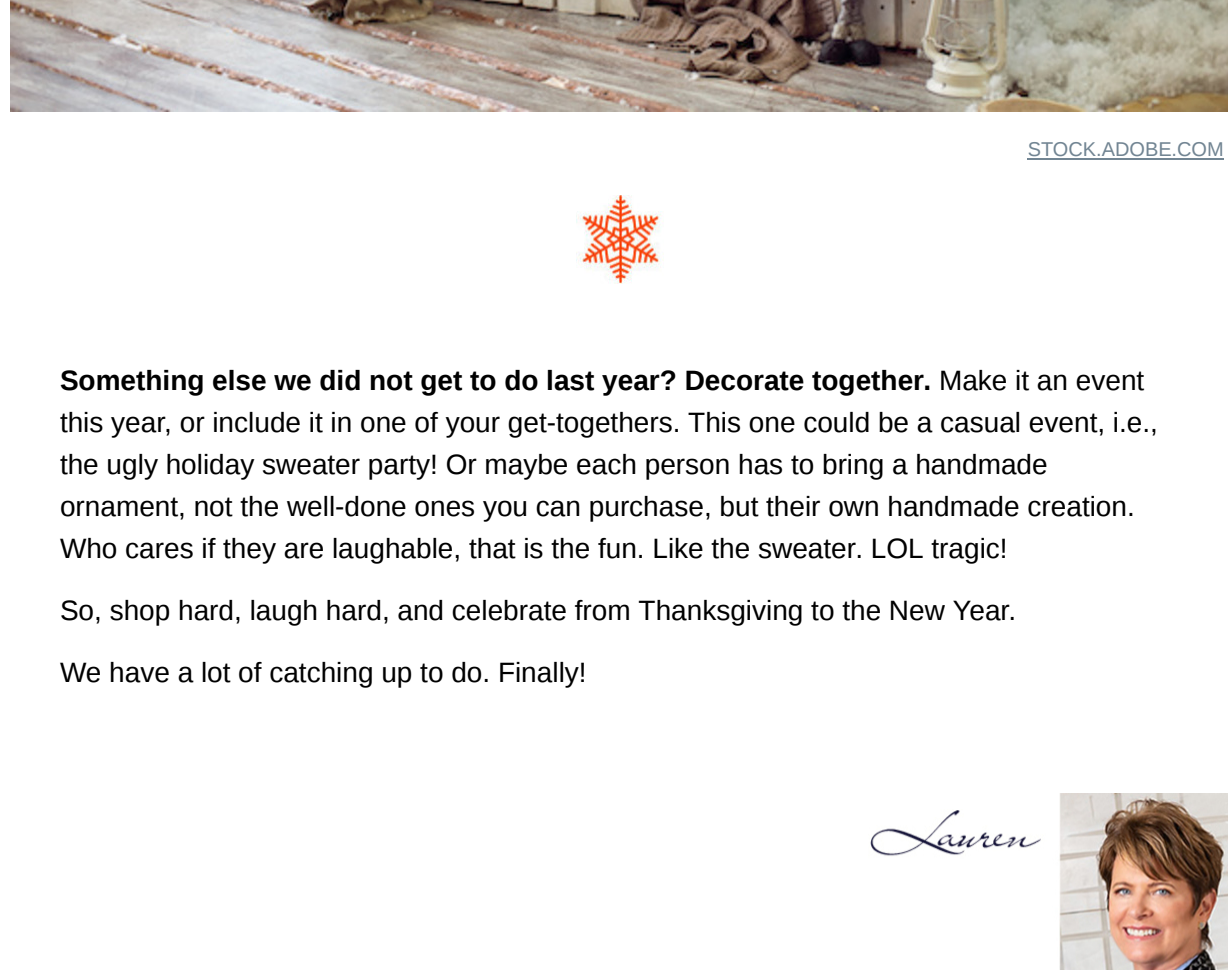
**WHIMSICAL**  
Thank you, Jonathan Adler! Incorporate some whimsy into your decor this season with his very fun memorabilia. They cheer up a room, leave a lasting impression on your guests, and are a great focal point. Click on the photo to shop for these cuties.



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**Something else we did not get to do last year? Decorate together.** Make it an event this year, or include it in one of your get-togethers. This one could be a casual event, i.e., the ugly holiday sweater party! Or maybe each person has to bring a handmade ornament, not the well-known ones you can purchase, but their own handmade creation. Who cares if they are laughable, that is the fun. Like the sweater. LOL, right?

So, shop hard, laugh hard, and celebrate from Thanksgiving to the New Year. We have a lot of catching up to do. Finally!

