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**How to have a more stress-free holiday!**

We all love a pretty holiday decorated room with twinkling lights and the smell of evergreen, but getting the decorations from storage to that special place can be mind-numbing. How is it that if you carefully untangle and wrap Christmas lights they still manage to come out of the box in a twisted jumble of headache? Here are a few ideas for decorating “out of the box” to make Christmas decorating a little less harry and a little more merry!

1. Forgo the usual holiday decorations for something simpler, but with a great impact by sprinkling table tops, mantel, top of the fridge, kitchen counters and bookshelves with mini twinkling lights. Both colorful and white lights look amazing and there’s no Christmas tree to unbox or decorate. Extra hint – the bathroom looks incredible with lights strewn over the counter.
2. Decorate with your Christmas cards. This could be tricky since people don’t send out cards like they used to (sniff sniff), but if you get a good amount use some decorative cord and hang up the Christmas cards as if on a clothesline. Let all of those thoughtful cards you receive become the focal point of your holiday decorating.
3. Use some super festive foil holiday wrapping paper and wrap your wall art. Add ribbon or a bow to create beautifully wrapped presents for the walls and voila, your entire home will look like a holiday party. You can even wrap an end table to look like a big box, or wrap the frames you have on tables or bookshelves. What a simple way to create a great holiday look. If you’re feeling energetic, wrap the books on the bookshelf!
4. A few holiday lights twinkling around the room will have some added pizzazz if you toss some tinsel into the mix. The lights will reflect off of the tinsel and your room will sparkle. Pieces of shiny ribbon works wonders and gives the room pops of color as well!
5. If you have a fireplace you have a Da Vinci-style palette for decorating! Toss a few sets of lights inside the fireplace (and don’t forget not to light a fire!) and you’ll have a gorgeous, yet unbelievably simple holiday masterpiece in your room! Add some colorful lights to the mantel and your friends and family will be talking about how talented you are well into next year!

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