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Simple, Festive,
Delicious

5 Fresh Ideas
for Poinsettias





PICTURE THIS

Here's a simple way to display photos: Fill straight-sided glass canisters with ornaments of different sizes. Then tuck in a snapshot. Black-and-white images will stand out against colorful ornaments. If you prefer color photos, try white or silver ornaments.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

The addition of white—candles, the lilies, the wreath's bow—make the look elegant.

SHINY SWAG

Make a color-coordinated garland by stringing ornaments onto ribbon, tying each in place.

Hung With Care

Make your mantel festive with these easy decorating ideas.

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TRAY OF PLENTY

White trays hold a colorful mix of citrus, including lemons, limes, kumquats, and clementines. Add sprigs of greenery to the back for volume. Layer miniature glass ornaments among the fruit. Layer miniature glass ornaments among the fruit.

NO-SEW RUNNER

Give the trays more importance with snow-white felt runners. Using a half-yard of felt from a crafts store, cut pieces so each is narrower than the tray and hangs down over the mantel (but not too close to the hearth). Snip ends to a point.

