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Festive farmhouse dining room

Vintage furnishings set the stage for a homey holiday spread. Here's how to re-create this welcoming feel in your space using thrifty finds

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spindle chair

Similar to the Warners' antique half-spindle Windsors, this new perch comes unfinished. Top it off with a warm, honey-hued stain. Chair, \$61; gelcofurniture.com



block-print runner

Liven up the tabletop with a natural twill runner decorated with rust-colored vines. \$70; williams-sonoma.com



Timeworn finishes, natural textures, and muted colors in the dining area of Macksi and Cody Warner's 1890s farmhouse recall a simpler way of life—when furniture was made by hand and holiday trimmings came from the land.

In preparation for a family gathering, the couple set their primitive pine table, shown at left, with a block-printed runner, stoneware plates, a tiered pewter server loaded with fruits, and weighty wine goblets. For the centerpiece, a white-glazed pitcher, rather than a formal vase, holds fresh-cut evergreen branches.

The cheery treatment extends to the windows, where fragrant bay-leaf wreaths hang from green burlap ribbons. The effect is an inviting dining area that's ready for a harvest feast. Read on to learn how to bring this festive farmhouse feel to your home.



harvest table

Make a vintage-look table from a kit. This one has mortise-and-tenon joints and a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch-thick top. Minwax Hunter Green stain supplies the two-tone effect. Pine base, \$179, and soft maple top, \$298; tablelegs.com



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bronze pendant

A pared-down fixture with a clear glass globe sheds a soft glow for dining. \$118, including a 60-watt Edison-style bulb; lowes.com



woven basket

Store table linens and throws in a generous basket. This one's deep sides echo the Warners' early-1900s hops-collecting basket. \$69; wisteria.com



pewter server

Add polish and height to a holiday tablescape with a handsome tiered dish. \$55; boxwoods furnishings.com



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herb wreath

Hang a ring of bay leaves for seasonal greenery that can also flavor stews. Wreath, \$26; shop mcfaddenfarm.com. Ribbon, \$6 for 10 yards; onlinefabricstore.net



throw pillows

Add comfy pillows with a handmade quality. These have embroidery and painted stripes resembling those on grain sacks. Floral cover, \$11; ikea.com. Burlap cover, \$38; northcountrycomforts.etsy.com



houndstooth rug

This flat-woven wool rug in a traditional broken-check pattern is reversible—ideal for under the dining table. \$199; homedecorators.com



rustic red bench

Fitted with a lower shelf, this bench provides extra seating and storage for half the cost of the one shown above. \$129; lbean.com



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faceted goblets

They share the same styling as their expensive crystal counterparts, but these glass goblets are super affordable and go right into the dishwasher. \$1.50 each; ikea.com



slate cheese board

Use a slate roof tile as a platter for holiday hors d'oeuvres. Pick one up at the stone yard for \$3 to \$5. After a good wash, treat the surface with mineral oil, and stick on some adhesive-backed rubber feet. \$5.60; amazon.com

place settings

Add texture to the table with white-glazed ceramic plates, faux-wood-handle flatware, and ticking-stripe napkins. Plates, \$10 each; crateandbarrel.com. Flatware, \$65 for 24 pieces; overstock.com. Napkins, \$18 for four; potterybarn.com



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painting floor

Replicate the Warners' graphic finish using light gray paint for the field and dusky blue for the diamond design, which you can map out with painter's tape. Paint, \$57 per gallon; benjaminmoore.com. Find more tips for painting a floor at thisoldhouse.com.



colonial candle

Pull back the curtains and center a candle in the window to cast a warm glow inside and out—a traditional holiday symbol of welcome. Holder, \$7, and cinnamon-scented candle, \$7 for two; winterwillowprimitives.com



stoneware pitcher

An elegantly coiled handle gives this vessel a classical silhouette worthy of the table's centerpiece. Fill it with evergreen branches or sword ferns for an unfussy arrangement. \$49; potterybarn.com