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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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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 here, 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.

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

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



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



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



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



pewter server
Add polish and height to a holiday tablescape with a handsome tiered dish. \$55; boxwoodsfurnishings.com



rustic red bench
Fitted with a lower shelf, this bench provides extra seating and storage for half the cost of the one shown at left. \$129; llbean.com



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



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



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

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