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Winter comforts

Relaxed rooms inspired by Highland cottage style



The beautiful chandelier in the dining area is 18th-century French and illuminates a table covered with linen and damask tablecloths. Find similar dining chairs at Nordic Style.





Contrast a minimally decorated tree and table garland with snow white linen, sparkling accessories and candlelight

Opposite Dress up a rustic table for this special occasion with crisp linen cloths and chair slip covers, and bring in delicate lacy crockery. A fragrant garland made from pine and herbs adds a natural touch.

Fabrics chairs, Dromana Scroll, ref NCF3530/10, £57 a metre, Nina Campbell at Osborne & Little. **Furniture** early 19th-century oak dining table, £1,700, The Dining Room Shop. Lille dining chairs, £239 each, Willis & Gambier Mustard pine dresser, £1,222, Decorative Living. **Accessories** evergreen and herb table garland, 180cm long, with miniature rosemary plant, blackberry and candle decorations, from £15 a foot, Jamie Aston. Decorated with baubles, £5 for 24, Woolworths. (On table) white hemstitched Irish linen tablecloth, 178cm by 269cm, £145, The Linen Press. Cardinalis plates, £36 each; Romantic coupe plates, £58 each; cups and saucers, £46 a set, all Marston & Langinger. Fiddle spoons and forks, £96 for a set of 24, The Dining Room Shop. Pearl napkins, £20 for four; The White Company. Pearlescent mini boxes, £6.75 for 12, Paperchase. With 7mm satin ribbon, 60p a metre, VV Rouleaux. Silver and purple

baubles, £35 for six, Fortnum & Mason. Large purple flute glasses, £29 each, Joanna Wood. Late Georgian deep-cut decanter, £136, Green & Stone. Seven-light candelabra, col Antique Taupe, £125, Nordic Style. Present on chair wrapped in Petals in Mulberry paper, £1.50 a sheet, Paperchase. Tied with 50mm satin ribbon, £1.45 a metre, VV Rouleaux. For items in dresser, see below. Large winter white wreath, from a selection, Kenneth Turner. Christmas tree, from a selection, Kingswood Christmas Trees. (On tree) mulberry baubles, 99p each, Longacres. Butterfly baubles, £10 each, House of Fraser. Assorted silver and white matt and shiny glitter baubles, £5 for 24, Woolworths. Salzburg clear and silvered glass baubles with embossed snowflakes, £5.95 each, Parlane. Glitter snowflakes, 20p each, Woolworths. Silver glitter baubles, from £1 each; pre-lit icicle garlands with 50 lights, £15 each, all Paperchase. Mirragio rug, col Khaki, £1,300, Marston & Langinger.

Above left Add a touch of seasonal sparkle to a display cabinet with a selection of silvered decorations.

(Top shelf) pewter charger, £98, Nordic Style. Antique French

Café glasses, £240 for eight, The Dining Room Shop. Heart of Bells decoration, £14.95, Joanna Wood. Romantic coupe plates, £58 each, Marston & Langinger. Silver and purple baubles, £35 for six, Fortnum & Mason. (Middle shelf) Burleigh cups and saucers, £19.50 a set; small grey bowls, £20 each, all The Dining Room Shop. Heart of Bells decoration, £14.95, Joanna Wood. (Bottom shelf) cut-glass decanter, from £70, The Dining Room Shop. Pewter charger, £98, Nordic Style. Large grey bowl, £120, The Dining Room Shop. (In bowl) silver papier-mâché apples and pears, £5.95 each, Joanna Wood. Mustard pine dresser, £1,222, Decorative Living.

Above Baubles make a nice addition to the table.

Use them to hold name cards for easy place settings.

Bauble place-card holder, from £5 for six, John Lewis. Pearlescent mini gift box, £6.75 for 12, Paperchase. Tied with 7mm satin ribbon, 60p a metre, VV Rouleaux. Fiddle spoon, £96 for a set of 24 spoons and forks, The Dining Room Shop. Pearl napkin, £20 for four; The White Company. Silver and purple bauble, £35 for six, Fortnum & Mason.





Keep the look cottagey in a bedroom with cosy bedcovers, jugs of fresh flowers and glimmering touches of pewter

Opposite Create a cosy guest bedroom by layering a luxurious silken bedspread on crisp linen. Keep warm, comforting throws and blankets on hand to fend off the chill of deepest winter.

Fabrics cushion leaning on headboard, (front panel) Orkney, ref ORK002, col Putty, (back panel) Orkney, ref ORK003, col Champagne, both £55 a metre, The Isle Mill. **Furniture** Georgian tripod table, circa 1780, £1,025, I & J.L. Brown. Florence bedstead, col White with Brass, £569; mattress, from £449, both Feather & Black. **Accessories** (on shelf) hand-embroidered linen frieze, £19.95; Noel letters, £24.95 a set, both Aspen & Brown. White ceramic love bird, £3.95, Parlanc. Towels stylist's own. (On table) present wrapped in Petals in Mulberry paper, £1.50 a sheet, Paperchase. Ribbon, from a selection, VV Rouleaux. Mercury candlestick, £8; Burreigh jug, £49.50, both The Dining Room Shop. Romantique cup and saucer, £16 a set, Marston & Langerer. (On wall) birch wreath, £13.50, Aspen & Brown. White ceramic love bird, as before. (On bed) Plantation kingsize duvet cover, £76; pillowcases with

natural trim, £16 each, The Linon Press. 8:bi satin bedspread, £120, The White Company. Heather Knot Garden cushion, 50cm square, £41.50; Heather Knot Garden cushion, 30cm square, £31.50, both Melin Tregwynt. Trellis cushion, 38cm square, col Plum, £55, Hume Sweet Hume. Beaded felt stocking, £8, John Lewis. Present wrapped in hand-made paper, £3 a sheet, Paperchase. Tied with Purple flower braid, £3.90 a metre, VV Rouleaux. (On floor) brown gift box, similar from Paperchase. Tied with 35mm satin ribbon, £1.20 a metre, VV Rouleaux. Cosy slippers, £25, The White Company. Lilac mohair throw, £53; purple wool throw, £72, both Joanna Wood. Mirragio rug, col Beige, £1,300, Marston & Langerer.

Above Bring the outdoors in with a beautiful display of seasonal flowers, herbs, foliage and berries.

Fabrics curtains, Provençal Flowers, £89 a metre, (borders), Aubergine Small Check, £24 a metre, both Barbara Coupe. **Furniture** French cherrywood side table, circa 1880, £1,150, I & J.L. Brown. **Accessories** (on windowsill) 18th-century French marriage glass, £190, water glass, £100, both The Dining Room

Shop. (On table) Wild wreath, from £70, Moyses Flowers. Three-arm antiqued candelabra, £44, Nordic Style. Gun metal glass perfume bottles, £7 each, Paperchase. Burreigh jug, £49.50, The Dining Room Shop. Present wrapped in Petals in Mulberry paper, £1.50 a sheet, Paperchase. Ribbon, from a selection, VV Rouleaux. Beaded felt stocking, £8, John Lewis. (On wall) oval framed oil on glass portraits, £61.50 a pair, Decorative Living. Cut flowers and foliage, from a selection, The Flowers and Plants Association.

Top Spread a little Christmas cheer by adding festive touches to nooks and crannies.

Wooden hanging heart, £3.95, Cox & Cox. White ceramic love bird, £3.95, Parlanc.

Above Faux fur is the ultimate luxury for feet, so delight guests (even little ones) with their own slippers. Child's faux fur slippers, £20, The White Company (in background) cream mohair fabric, ref 1516-01, £68.20 a metre, Sahco Hesselein. Lilac mohair throw, £53, Joanna Wood.