

1 All Aflutter

Creating this charming perch is as elementary as gathering branches in your own backyard. We filled a wall basket with boughs of white pine that we flocked with decorative snow spray, then affixed already-wired faux birds between the needles. To give more fine-feathered friends a place to land, anchor a larger fallen limb in a doorside urn or pot filled with pebbles.

THE DETAILS: Vintage Longaberger wall basket (for similar styles, visit etsy.com or ebay.com). Design Master Snow Blast decorating snow spray, \$10, amazon.com. Garden flying birds, 3", \$15 for 12; and clip-on birds, 4½", \$15 for 12, jamaligarden.com. Terrain Florist's Bucket vase, from \$36, shop terrain.com. Adirondack Basketry Hiker pack basket with leather harness, \$158, adirondackbasketry.com.



/ THE WELL-KEPT HOME /

Welcome Sights

'Tis the season to deck your halls, sure. But do you know what even more people see? Your front door. Stop friends and family in their tracks—and spread joy to your neighborhood—with one of these get-in-the-spirit displays.

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Enliven an urn or potted planter that's empty for the winter with leftover laurel and a gazing ball.

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Fine Flourishes

Set aside the idea that every wreath needs to be circular; it can certainly start out that way... and then trail off. We secured laurel branches around a small wreath frame using green floral wire, and punctuated the leaves with silver faux-poinsettias. Mount it and wire more laurel onto the bottom of the wreath, tapering the shape as you work down the door. Then add more blooms or ornaments for shine. Like magnolia leaves, laurel is hardy, so this stunner will last all season.

THE DETAILS: Silk poinsettia silver flower stem, 28", \$10.50, panysilk.com. Southwest and Beyond glass gazing balls, 12", \$32 each, southwestandbeyond.com. Grandin Road Genevieve urns (similar to shown), \$169 each, grandinroad.com.



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Sweet Salutations

Everyone will receive a merry greeting—and a cheerful goodbye—when you hang a few brass-plated bells on your doorknob. We used natural twine to attach them to a spray of cedar, which ups the pretty factor and buffers the door to keep the chime gentle (not jarring). Wrap the stem and twine with grosgrain ribbon, leaving a loop at the top for hanging, and tie it above the bells in a no-fuss knot.

THE DETAILS: Viva Terra temple bells, in Mini and Small, \$9 and \$19 each; and mini hanging temple-bell ornaments, \$25 for 6, vivaterra.com. Ashland natural wired twine, \$3.50 for 10', michaels.com.



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Ombre All Day

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New York City floral-design team Putnam & Putnam turned what's essentially throwaway material—a clipping from the base of a Christmas tree—into this modern masterpiece. They inverted the triangular branch and wired on clusters of jingle bells in muted shades of green, gold, and red. (The first two colors are easy to find, and a quick coat of spray paint turns plain ones the softer pink.) Top the mini tree with a broad satin bow; its wide tails will protect your door from any possible scratches.

THE DETAILS: Creatology jingle bells, 9mm, 12mm, 15mm, 16mm, and 18mm, from \$4.50 for 70; and Design Master Colortool spray paint, in Pink Glow, \$8, michaels.com.

