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Creative Entertaining: Dress Up Your Holidays

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Between braving the cold to string lights and the hustle and bustle of the mall, planning a party may seem like more than you can handle. But whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, there's no better time to entertain than now. Friends and family are visiting and most of us are enjoying some time off at home. Why not do your part to spread the seasonal cheer?

Hosting a holiday gathering doesn't have to be about gourmet food and razzle-dazzle decorations. Sometimes simpler is more stylish -- and it's the most in keeping with the spirit of the season.

Here are a few ideas and suggestions to help you host the perfect holiday gathering:

- Forget traditional red and green. A silver-and-white tablescape is neutral, elegant, and can be used all winter long.
- High style doesn't have to come with a high price tag. Get creative and use objects you have around the house to provide seasonal accents. A centerpiece composed from mercury glass and ironstone objects and fresh greens celebrates the beauty of the first fallen snow and wintry frost.
- Sparkling silver and white Christmas tree ornaments pop against fresh boughs. Add lots of shine with glittered snowflakes, silvery birds and glass ornaments.
- Place cards also make guests feel special; they know a place was set just for them.

Most of all, the season is about family and friends. Warm mugs of hot chocolate and special times together can make memories that last a lifetime.

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