

TIP #1  
Winter 2007

The cold weather is upon us and so are those winter blues. Many people stay in and entertain at home more during the winter months. Here are some quick ways to add instant warmth and comfort to your space.

- Add accent pillows in warm rich tones (red, orange, burgundy, chocolate brown) to your living room furniture.
- Drape a soft throw or blanket across your favorite chair.
- Plush area rugs can help define a space and warm your toes. They work not only on hardwood floors but also over wall to wall carpet.
- Place your main overhead light on a dimmer. It will create instant drama.
- Most rooms do not have enough lights. Add a table lamp and a free standing one opposite one another.
- Add candles in spicy scents.
- Bare walls are cold. Blow up some of your favorite pictures and frame them.
- A favorite quilt or large piece of vintage fabric can be tacked to a decorative curtain rod and placed on a wall.
- Bring some nature indoors. Group together some houseplants. Place interesting twigs, pine cones or greenery in a clear glass vase or bowl.
- Do you have a large room with all of your furniture against the walls? Move your couch, chairs and tables off of the wall. Furniture can be angled and moved closer together to create a cozy conversation area.