

WESTCOAST HOMES



SEASONAL FABRICS MAKE WINTER HOME COSY

Danish concept of hygge still dominates decor **G4**

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Interior designer Karin Bohn decorated the four-bedroom show home at Mosaic's Victoria project on Burke Mountain in Coquitlam to reflect what Christmas in the home might feel like.

STYLED FOR THE SEASON

At Mosaic's Victoria, the holiday mood has been set

Visitors to Mosaic's 131-unit Victoria row home project on Burke Mountain in Coquitlam are being treated to a festive welcome these days.

One of the four-bedroom show homes has been beautifully outfitted for the season, thanks to the work of interior designer Karin Bohn.

The founder of the award-win-

ning, Vancouver-based House of Bohn, she has injected the space with rich tones, luxe materials and deep hues reminiscent of a starry night.

Here, Bohn offers five seasonal decorating tips.

✦ Select a cohesive colour palette with two to four hues that are repeated throughout. "Rather than an explosion of colour, the

careful repetition will create a finished look that feels polished and sophisticated," she says.

✦ Layer and mix different finishes. "A navy blue, for example, that appears in varying finishes such as glossy, matte, textured, speckled — you name it — suddenly creates a rich and dynamic depth to the colour."

SEE VICTORIA ON **G2**





This four-bedroom show home at Mosaic's Victoria project on Burke Mountain in Coquitlam is decorated to create a sophisticated, polished, yet playful, holiday scheme.

SHOW HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Interior designer Karin Bohn says these blue galaxy plates work perfectly for her holiday theme but could easily be used in a spring decor scheme.

VICTORIA FROM G1

- Add a pinch of sparkle. "In the design of the Victoria by Mosaic, we've added a little frosting throughout the space in both gold and silver tones."
- Introduce touches of black and white. "By adding both tones to the holiday scheme, it immediately breaks up a would-be extremely sophisticated scheme and creates a feeling that's playful, edgy and modern."
- Shop wisely, and purchase items that can be reused for other occasions. "The blue CB2 plates were

a perfect find for a galaxy-inspired look, but they could also be reused for an elegant baby shower or engagement party. The throw pillows and area rug speak to our deep navy blue tones, but with a little tweaking and fresh flowers, these items would also showcase beautifully in a spring decor scheme." Victoria, located at 1221 Rocklin Street in Coquitlam, comprises three- and four-bedroom homes on the south-facing side of Burke Mountain, near numerous parks, hiking trails, schools and shopping. Exterior detailing includes brickwork, timbers, scroll design

and window boxes, while inside, ceilings rise to 10 feet on the main levels. Novel elements include corner nooks for dens or work spaces. The three show homes also feature several design ideas that buyers can source through their own contractors. One includes a 10-foot floor-to-ceiling library case in the living room, complete with a wheeled ladder on a horizontal rod. Another showcases built-in shelves and desks for work spaces. Victoria is open from noon to 6 p.m. in December, with the exception of Dec. 24 to 26. For more information, call 604-945-0087.



Some design ideas on display can be sourced by home buyers, such as a bookshelf complete with wheeled ladder.

Easy decorating

MEGAN McDONOUGH

It's supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year, but between hosting holiday festivities, shopping for presents and working full-time, it can feel like the most stressful.

"I've come to appreciate why people start decorating the day after (American) Thanksgiving," designer Iantha Carley of Silver Spring, Md., says. "It's a lot of work to pull off for a very short period of time."

Carley recently completed a custom three-metre pink pompom tree — with more than 600 individually sewn pompoms, rotating on a motorized stand — for a Washington charity event. But when it comes to decorating her own home for the holidays, Carley likes to keep it simple, classic and fun.

"Don't wear yourself out trying to create the perfect Martha Stewart Christmas," Carley says.

Here are five ideas from Carley on how to capture the holiday

BRING IN ALL THINGS WARM AND COSY

To turn your home into a cosy and inviting refuge, Carley suggests burning wood-scented candles and using warm, dim lighting. For a larger makeover, replace your lightweight linens with chunky textures, such as knits and velvets, and gather fleece throw blankets to keep guests warm. Consider rearranging your furniture to face your Christmas tree or fireplace to create a warm and welcoming gathering spot for winter entertaining.

PUT YOUR EXTRA ORNAMENTS TO GOOD USE

Over time, most people collect more ornaments than a single tree could possibly hold. Instead of cramming them all on your tree or packing them away indefinitely, Carley recommends placing spare, bright-coloured balls and bulbs in clear hurricane glasses and apothecary jars of different heights around

For Carley, that means outfitting her bar with all the ingredients needed to make her husband's signature Boulevardier cocktail. If you want to take your decor a step further, style your bar area with faux snow, sparkly straws and festive glassware. If there's room to spare, set out bowls of seasonal cocktail garnishes or snacks, such as gumdrops or miniature candy canes.

INCORPORATE NATURAL, FRAGRANT GREENERY

The smell of the outdoors always sets a festive, wintry mood. Carley suggests adorning your holiday table with a variety of boxwood cuttings, evergreen sprigs and fresh-cut white hydrangeas to add texture, colour and fragrance. You also can attach fresh holly and magnolia leaves to napkin rings or place cards for a green and sophisticated touch.

Don't have time for a nature walk? Set the mood with a Fraser fir-scented candle.

In an alternate world, we'd craft our Advent calendars and hand-knit our tree skirts. But for those of us who don't have the time, patience, interest or



When it comes to holiday wreaths and garlands, designer Iantha Carley says a store-bought model is fine. Spruce it up with some sparkly lights, colourful ribbons or fragrant fruit. IANTHA CARLEY

