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HOLIDAY HACK: SIMPLE STOCKINGS

This hack is such an easy way to give everyone a cute stocking that makes them feel special without ruining the colour scheme that you've worked hard to create. These ones look perfectly at home by this fireplace, and they only cost a few dollars each!

YOU NEED

- plain Christmas stockings from a craft store or discount department store
- festive-looking letters and decorations such as stars
- greenery from the garden – one sprig per stocking
- string

HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT

STEP 1

Tie a letter and/or decoration plus a sprig of greenery to each stocking with the string.

STEP 2

Hang the stockings from the mantelpiece.

STEP 3

Job done! Now that you've hung those stockings with care, it's time to put your feet up.

HOLIDAY HACK: DIY WRAPPING

Not only is this wrapping as cheap as chips (tick!), but it's also a great way to introduce neutral tones – or whatever colour theme you're going for – under the tree.

YOU NEED

- craft paper
- linen or raffia
- some hand-picked greenery or dried flowers from the garden

HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT

STEP 1

Wrap your gifts in craft paper.

STEP 2

Tear the linen or raffia into 50mm strips to create a raw edge, and then tie the strips around the wrapped gifts.

STEP 3

Tuck a sprig of greenery or a dried flower under the bow.

STEP 4

Pile those pretty pressies under the tree!



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