

How to decorate your home for Chinese New Year

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As the vibrant hues of red and gold dominate the streets, it's evident that the Chinese New Year is just around the corner.

Embrace this auspicious occasion by infusing your home with traditional symbols and elements to not only usher in good fortune but also create a warm and inviting atmosphere for family and friends.

Here are some tips and ideas on how to decorate your home for the Chinese New Year.

First, embrace the color palette. Start by adorning your space with the traditional Chinese New Year colors - red and gold. Red symbolizes luck and happiness, while gold represents wealth and prosperity.

Incorporate these colors into your décor through items like throw pillows, tablecloths, and wall hangings. Consider adding touches of black or white for balance and contrast.

Symbolism plays a crucial role in Chinese New Year decorations. Hang decorative items featuring traditional Chinese symbols like the Chinese character “福” (fu), meaning good luck or fortune.

Interestingly, the symbol should be stuck and vice versa as, according to tradition, this brings luck. You can also use paper-cut art and posters with auspicious symbols and place them around your home.

Flowers are always a good idea, especially for the Chinese New Year.

Opt for vibrant blooms like orchids, peonies, and plum blossoms, which are believed to bring prosperity and good luck. Display floral arrangements in red or gold vases to enhance the festive ambiance.

Lanterns! Stringing up red lanterns is a classic way to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Hang them in clusters or along your hallway



Before and after.

to create a visually stunning display.

Additionally, incorporating warm, ambient lighting can add a cozy and welcoming feel to your home. Fairy lights or candles in red or gold holders can contribute to the festive glow.

Chinese New Year is a time for family to gather, so elevate your dining experience by incorporating Chinese New Year elements into your table settings. Use red or gold tablecloths, placemats, and napkins. Bring out your best tableware and complement it with red or gold accents.

Consider adding small decorations like fortune cookies or personalized name cards with auspicious symbols. To level up your table set, use the “mix and match” technique: use a red plate and combine it with a bigger plate of a dark color.

Put a decorative element above your plate; it can even be a little personalized gift.

Speaking of gifts, red envelopes, known as “hongbao,” are

traditionally filled with money and given as gifts during Chinese New Year.

Incorporate these envelopes into your décor, perhaps by stringing them together as garlands or placing them in decorative bowls. Display traditional Chinese decorations like paper fans and silk banners for an authentic touch.

In Shanghai, you can go to the City God Temple market near the Yuyuan Garden to get Chinese New Year decorations.

The choice is vast there! Have a vision in mind of what you want to do, then use your imagination.

Transform your home into a festive place that not only celebrates the Chinese New Year but also radiates positive energy and prosperity.

Embrace the rich cultural symbolism, vibrant colors, and timeless traditions to create a welcoming environment for family and friends to share in the joy of the season.

I wish you a prosperous and joyous Chinese New Year!



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Red fans on lamps.



Red envelopes can embellish flowers and other home items.



Red symbolizes luck and happiness.



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