



HOLIDAY MANTELS that turn up the heat

Do you have a great fireplace but you're not sure how to jazz up your mantel in time for the holidays? Here are two festive options from Fia & Company that are sure to make your guests green with envy.

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One of the most versatile canvases in your home, your mantelpiece is an easy place to add some instant holiday cheer and a great way to test your creativity. After all, there's nothing quite like a beautifully decorated mantel. Add a crackling fire underneath and you've added instant warmth – literally and figuratively - to your living room. Creating beautiful spaces is what Fia & Company does best. The Toronto-based full service interior design and renovations company is known for their approachability and beautifully executed designs, whether they're renovating a kitchen or bathroom or providing interior design services to transform a space. Here Erika Floysvik, founder and principal designer at Fia & Company, shows us how one mantel can have two very unique and magical looks for maximum impact.


A MODERN TWIST ON HOLIDAY TRADITIONAL

With the festive look featured on page 72, Erika's goal was to create a more traditional mantel that was still approachable and modern. Her relaxed take started with a palette of red and green accents. She then softened the look by adding organic elements and natural fabrics, like the linen used to make the holiday stockings. Glass domes, which are versatile and create a bold centerpiece, complete this colourful mantel.

■ **Erika's DIY tip:** fill domes with large tree ornaments, miniature topiary trees or a collection of pinecones to make them pop.

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Erika's keywords for this clean, modern look were "simple yet elegant." She mixed luxurious materials and a variety of sheens and textures to create warmth and depth – always a challenge when working with one colour. Using a large opal mirror as the backdrop, Erika then incorporated uniquely shaped glass and silver accents to complete this luxurious all white look.

■ **Erika's DIY tip:** forgo heavy garland – a strand of pearls offers a delicate finishing touch. 



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