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by Ruth Deems and Jane Binkard

HAVE you gathered pine boughs for a bouquet? Or hung a wreath? Or lit a candle? How is your Christmas spirit?

For holiday pepper-uppers we recommend: Bells to ring in gladness—silver, red paper, green cardboard.

Stars to sparkle joy.

Growing things to renew your faith in life—holly, mistletoe, bittersweet, pine cones, begonias, poinsettias. Candles for yuletide atmosphere—electric amber, square, plump and short, or tall and tapering.

Place a wide strip of blue tarleton or

cellophane down the length of your Christmas table and arrange white candles and silver candelabra for accent and glow.

Put a new dress on your front door—wreath, bough or bell.

Light the exterior of your festive home with blue, green or red spotlights. Silver your outdoor pine tree.

Gather these trappings for package wrappings—glazed paper, designed wrappings gleaned from shop hunting, a sampler of wall papers, oilcloth, shelf wrapping.

Use these essential helpers for wrap-

ping packages—a good pair of paper cutting scissors, a ball of kitchen twine, dressmaker pins. For wrapping accessories, add cellophane ribbon, soft paper ribbon, satin ribbon, a stencil set, Christmas seals, cellophane straws, shredded cellophane, sprigs of holly, spruce, and mistletoe, brightly colored pine cones, Christmas tree balls, artificial fruit, candy canes, tiny silver and gold bells.

On black cellophane, a bunch of paper or molded artificial grapes makes an unusual looking package. The nativity scene in cut-out paper or spatter work adds Christmas charm to a package. Red-violet cellophane with splashes of bright gold shredded cellophane will give distinction to any gift.

Using silver glazed paper over green cellophane, one may cut NOEL in one corner in modernistic letterings so the green shows through.

Gold or silver bells half hidden in the red satin bow on the glazed white paper makes the box tinkle. A sprig of mistletoe or spruce, or even a pine cone add freshness to a package.

DO

Use rubber bands or kitchen twine to tie the package firmly, snipping it and drawing it out after the ribbon is in place.

Use dressmaker pins in corners to hold paper firmly, drawing them out when the ribbon is in place.

Have neatly mitered corners.

Try the corner sequence in using your ribbon.

DON'T

Have jagged edges.

Allow the paper to slip.

Invariably tie your ribbon in the criss cross manner.

Overdo the accessories.



Use your ingenuity on the mantel decoration—a Santa Claus head of stiff colored paper, porcelain dolls of foreign countries, a creche, or trees made of flowers.

