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Quick to make, easy to do

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IF THE BUSY DAYS at the end of fall quarter leave you breathless, try capturing the Christmas spirit to help you relax. In just a few minutes, you can create decorations, plan a spread or make a simple present for your roommate.

Let's start with eight quick ideas to brighten your room.

1. Mobiles with the Christmas touch are easy to make. The formula? Just suspend bright Christmas balls from hangers that have been wrapped with ribbon. Or you might hang hand-painted silver balls and candy canes from an evergreen bough. You can use your imagination about applying ribbon and artificial snow to your mobile.
2. Display extra-special Christmas cards on ribbons attached to the molding. Letters spelling out "Merry Christmas" can be pinned up in the same way.
3. Try some paint! A few quick touches around the edge of your mirror will make things look brighter all over. Candy canes, reindeer and angels are easy



to paint. You can swirl a bit of angel hair around your mirror for a snowy effect.

4. Frost your windows with a bit of "snow." Ordinary scouring powder plus a little water makes a smooth paste that's fine for painting trees and snowflakes on windows. Or try white shoe polish!
5. Save a feature spot on your bulletin board for a pretty Christmas picture.
6. Put tiny Christmas balls and angel hair in a rose bowl. This decoration is simple, yet attractive.
7. Stick scraps of fir into a potato and glue on sequins for a sparkling green touch. The potato has enough moisture to keep the greens fresh for a long time.
8. Cut candy canes and trees from plastic foam. They can easily be decorated with sequins.

Once your room is decorated, plan a Christmas spread in the colorful surroundings. To invite your guests, send out candy canes with notes attached telling time and place. Some Christmas cookies sent from home and ice cream will be tasty refreshments. For added atmosphere, give your party by soft candlelight—red tapers, of course.

If you and your guests are exchanging inexpensive gifts, arrange them dramatically. You can place the elaborately wrapped packages on a table set directly below the ceiling light. Then extend the bows of ribbon up to the light and converge them into a mass of color. After each guest has opened her gift, read an extra-special Christmas story to end the party with that Christmas glow. "The Night Before Christmas," "The Littlest Angel" and many others bring joy each time they're read.

To complete your campus Christmas preparations, why not 1. keep fancy paper and a spool of ribbon handy to wrap last-minute gifts, 2. make a Christmas card for your date by using a picture from a dance or fireside, 3. wear a Christmas corsage on your coat and 4. attend the chapel services in the Memorial Union?

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