

Getting Warmer

Heat up your summer decorating with these too-cool country accessories simply bursting with fun.



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LANTERN OF EVENTS

TOP: Make your back deck or enclosed porch feel more summery with decorative light strands, such as this string of red hurricane lanterns. Don't stop at just hanging them, though: Weave colorful ribbon around the cord for even more festive whimsy. ABOVE: Take your potted blooms for a joyride with this vintage-inspired bicycle planter with old-fashioned appeal. Set it up outside to brighten your patio or front porch; or, bring it inside and fill the basket with spare linens in the guest bedroom or magazines in the family room.



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A SWIRL OF DIFFERENCE

ABOVE: Set off decorating fireworks with these patriotic place card holders that are full of sparkle and spirit. Use them traditionally to assign seats at the dinner table, or get creative and outfit them with food labels for the buffet. Or, move them out of the dining area and arrange them on a bookshelf to showcase family vacation photos.



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WHERE THERE'S A WALL, THERE'S A WAY

ABOVE: Is there an empty spot bugging you? Pay homage to some of summer's most beloved icons by mounting recycled-metal ladybugs, dragonflies and butterflies onto a garden fence or your house siding. LEFT: For a twist on a traditional American flag, hang this Old-Glorious set of dimensional metal artwork above a sideboard or the mantel. To make installation easier, calculate the distance between hangers first, and use a beam level to mark your nail holes. ★

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