



Examine these designs to duplicate for your fall decorating. Notice the carved out pumpkin in the background and the basket in the foreground filled with autumn's bounty.

## Ideas To Decorate Your Home For Fall

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LITITZ (Lancaster Co.) — Bring fall's beauty into your home to warm the chill of autumn's weather.

Seeded wheat, leaves in yellows, golds, and red, and mounds of mini pumpkins and gourds in all sizes and shapes provide glorious items to incorporate into indoor decor.

Recently Tina Umbrell Sauder demonstrated how easy it is to decorate your home for fall. Readers may remember Tina as a former 4-H'er who won numerous grand championships at local fairs for showing swine. Now she is grown up and a designer for Esbenschade's Garden Center, Lititz, where she taught a recent class.

"Your coffee table is your artist canvas," Tina said. She suggests combining textures and colors to make a design that reflects your individuality.

Some of Tina's tabletop ideas including decorating a mini-evergreen tree with miniature pumpkins and tree lights. Insert inside a wreath decorated in fall colors.

She recommends dipping wooden picks into oil of cloves before inserting into miniature gourds or pumpkins to keep them from premature rotting.

Tina considers a large glass vase as a staple to use in table decor. Fill the glass vase with tall grasses or shove a berry garland inside the vase and place a fall arrangement on top. Or fill the glass vase with colorful balls or mini-pumpkins.

For a stunning fall buffet centerpiece, glue upside down clay pots together. Insert inside a candle ring and top with a fall arrangement.

To make a basket centerpiece, place floral foam to extend three-quarters of an inch above rim of

the basket. Insert groupings of wheat, cattails, grasses, pumpkin vines, and grapes to cover foam and in a pleasing height.

For a unique vase, cut a hole in a fresh pumpkin. Insert a vase inside to hold an arrangement of fresh flowers.

For a table centerpiece, fill a large bowl with fruit or mix apples, pears, gourds, and miniature pumpkins in a bowl or basket.

If you are having dinner guests, create unique name cards for each table setting. Make a slit in mini pumpkins and insert card with the name of guest.

Although most brands of hot glue do not hold well in fluctuating outdoor temperatures, Tina said that Esbenschades sells a brand called Hot Melt Hand Glue that is a higher grade of hot glue and holds well outdoors and in.

To see more of Tina's designs and ideas to inspire you, visit Esbenschade's Garden Center's home decor and design department. For more information, call the Adamstown site at (717) 445-6055 or the Brickerville site at (717) 626-7007.



Tina Umbrell Sauder combines a variety of textures and colors for fall decor. She holds a buffet centerpiece made by gluing together clay flowerpots topped with a fall flower arrangement.



Insert a colorful orange glass ball inside a candle ring bursting with fall's bounty. Simply change the color of the ball to red for Christmas holidays.



Turn to page B4 to read why Aaron Ranck believes his agriculture background plays a vital role in preparing him for a role in foreign service.



Pumpkin roll tastes as wonderful as it appears. Serve this spectacular dessert to guests and family. See page B6 for this and more pumpkin and squash recipes.