THE MONTHLY MIX
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Have Yourself a Merry Little Mantle

It is time to deck the halls and cozy up for some Christmas movies! The mantle is typically the focal point of a living area. Decorating accordingly will help put you in the mood for a little cheer! I'm sharing all the elements you need to make your space very merry this holiday season. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ambiance!

Start with the greenery!
Select a piece that has the texture
and color you desire. You can go with
the classic green or modern flocked look.
There are garlands you can add your own
lights, but I prefer the pre-lit ones since it cuts out one step!

Lighted Pine Garland \$29 available at Ellis Pottery

I love a good lantern since I can use them year round!

Black goes with everything, but feel free to select another color like gold, bronze or white if it would go better with your personal style. I like to have a pair of these on either end of the mantle. They are typically filled with a large candle, but during the Christmas season, I prefer to use ornaments instead!

Decorative Metal Lantern \$30 available at Target

Add
another

texture to your garland
with antler picks! I like to
place a couple throughout
to fill out the look. Berries are
another great option!

Deer Antler Picks \$3.99 available at Michael's

Finish your mantle off by hanging your stockings!

I love a modern look for stocking holders. These solid crimson and cream stockings will go with any décor scheme. Do not forget to personalize them with the names of your family!

Stocking Holders \$80 for set of two at West Elm Quilted Stockings \$29.50 and up available at Pottery Barn Monogramming available at Fan Fare Gifts



Classic plaid pattern ribbon is always a great option, but choose any Christmas pattern that gets you in the spirit! Choose a wider ribbon with the wired edges for the best look. Weave your ribbon in and out of the garland for the perfect look!

Plaid Ribbon \$27 available at Amazon



