

It may be cold outside, by inside it's *warm* and *opulent*, with *vibrant colours* and *luxury trimmings*

# Let there be light

According to Buckinghamshire's festive decorating guru Emina Hayes, this season's principal colours are red, gold and cream. 'People are still loving traditional colours and looks, but we're updating them with unusual touches,' says the managing director of the Christmas Decorators which this festive season, is dispensing its style largesse to the homes of the county's well-heeled.

Founded four years ago, the company is probably the only business of its kind in the

country and is chosen to decorate homes of business leaders, celebrities – including many top footballers – and many blue chip and other well known companies.

Emina's Christmas starts early and she has already decorated many homes in the Buckinghamshire area. While traditional themes will always be popular, she is always influenced by interior design trends. So, for example, for more contemporary homes, the monochrome look is popular and, of course, there are seasonal themes to

complement these, too.

The Christmas Decorators will decorate your whole house, from banisters to mantelpieces and from table decorations to trees, then take them down and store them until next year. You are charged for all the decorations in the first year and thereafter only for the arranging and styling. They will also decorate the outside of your house with lights. So, here we show you a glimpse of what the best-dressed houses will be wearing this Christmas.



Bring the outside in with roses on your tree. Cost: around £1300 for the whole tree and all the trimmings. Swags of greenery and opulent ribbons are intertwined with luxury baubles to adorn the fireplace. Cost: around £300.



## A touch of pewter

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## The floral look (inset)

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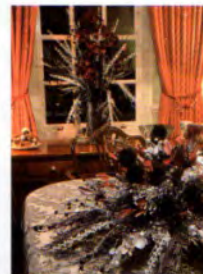
## FESTIVE LOOKS

We asked three designers to show us what all the best dressed houses are wearing this Christmas



This country house has been decked with 10,000 LED lights. No need to worry about the cost to the environment – or your pocket – at around just £3 a day to run.

What, no fairy? Feathers top this tree, while cinnamon sticks, pine cones and slices of orange adorn the banister, alongside evergreen and sumptuous ribbons. Cost: around £20 a foot or between £600-700 for a whole banister.



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## Bringing the outside in

FESTIVE decorating guru Emina Hayes, of The Christmas Decorators, says this season is all about bringing nature indoors. So you'll find stunning silk roses on trees interspersed with more traditional baubles. Feathers and plumes are also de rigueur.

There are two main colour schemes: red, gold and cream for traditionalists or black and silver for a more contemporary look.

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