

FESTIVE FROLICS WITH COLIN MCALLISTER & JUSTIN RYAN PLUS RECORDED CHAT WITH THE GUYS

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“Stop! Don’t just look upon Christmas as an excuse to have a tacky tinsel tornado chez vous only to strip it bare come January. Better to allow your choice of festive décor to ENHANCE your existing décor and provide a real feeling of seasonal adjustment, adding colour and drama where it’s needed most”, according to interior design duo Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan. “But just how do you add the required level of glamour without going overboard? Hmm. Well you follow our lead, that’s how! Yup, our festive guide is all you need to stop you turning your home into a total turkey!”

Before getting straight into some festive tips, you can also catch Colin and Justin answering viewers’ questions in a recent live web TV show. The show is now available on demand at http://webchats.co.uk/chat/dreaming_of_a_chic_christmas. Happy viewing!

CREATE A WINTER WOODLAND

“Bring the great outdoors in and create your own personal winter woodland! Following the general home trend that sees us moving from neutrals and into naturals, your choice of festive décor should capture the fruits of the forest with warm browns; berry shades and rich dark greens all frosted beautifully with ice and snow. Use small floral details to capture the delicate nature of snowdrops and take a multi-sensory approach by adding a room fragrance that’s woody, warm and delicately floral such as Ambi Pur Winter Woodland.

“You can enjoy Winter Woodland in a perfume plug-in (£3.99 RRP), scented candle (£2.99 RRP) and the revolutionary 3volution plug-in (£7.99 RRP), available from all good supermarkets and independent retailers. Winter Woodland 3volution is a harmonic collection of three warm fragrances inspired by the smell of green forests, the warmth of fine woods and the delicacy of winter flowers. The three complementary fragrances are released in a continuous cycle, one after the other, every 45 minutes so you always notice the aroma and can enjoy it again and again and again.

“Natural and rustic real Christmas trees and door wreaths should be used indoors with decoration kept to a minimum. Go for a less is more look but add sparkle by mixing in cold icy touches - Georg Jensen Nordica hanging spirals and purple toned jewelled droplet tree decorations or ice baubles, capiz shell rings and decorative sparkle wreathes are a great starting point.

WINTERING AT HOME

“Forget cocktail skirts and men’s suit dinner parties – this season, entertaining at home should be more about fluffy sweaters and hot milk ‘n’ cookies as you - and your guests - gather by the fire. Think about Wham’s ‘Last Christmas’ video to get into the groove! Courtesy of the credit crunch, the nation’s homes are now more about nesting than investing, so there’s never been a better time to cosy up choosing colours, like rich red or deep plum, that suggest warmth and friendship.

“Informal is seriously ‘in’ and the smells of freshly baked cookies and creamy vanilla should waft

through to entice guest to forget diets and start enjoying themselves! Ambi Pur's Winter Dream festive fragrance is inspired by just this, freshly baked cakes and milky warm drinks and it's absolutely divine... and, ahem, effortlessly easy on the hips.... Perfect for those chilly winter evenings snuggle up on the sofa, Winter Dream is also available in a perfume plug-in (£3.99 RRP), scented candle (£2.99 RRP) and the revolutionary 3volution plug-in (£7.99 RRP), from all good supermarkets and independent retailers.

"In terms of décor, use pieces with a naïve, family friendly air - try wooden snowflake shaped fairy lights or hang wall stags in black and white. Don't forget to use wonderful waxy lovelies to really warm up your room – Ambi Pur's Winter Dream scented candle is all you need!

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- Available from all good supermarkets and independent retailers

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