

LOOK No. 2
Rustic and Refined



LEFT: Search for fun vintage objects, like this old wooden sleigh, at flea markets and antiques stores to accessorize your rustic holiday decorating.

Pinecone Wreath

Place a 14-inch-diameter grapevine wreath inside a 24-inch-diameter one, and attach them to each other with zip ties. This creates a wider base to hold the arrangements of oversize and smaller pinecones. Position the larger cones in a ring all the way around the outer edge of the wreath with the tips facing outward, and attach with florist wire. Add the smaller cones between the larger ones—again with the tips facing outward. Clip pieces of Fraser fir, and tuck them around the cones to hide empty spots. Hang the completed wreath with wire from a small nail in the top of the door. Use a wide ribbon to hide the hanging wire.



Birch Log Candelabra

Drill evenly spaced holes in your logs. (We used a 3-inch Forstner bit—a little larger than our 2½-inch-diameter votives.) Wrap the bottoms of the votives with burlap, and tie that into place with jute twine and ribbon. Secure the logs to the handrails with zip ties; finish with greenery. *



What You'll Need

MATERIALS

- VARIOUS PINECONES (pinecones.com)
- LARGE AND MEDIUM GRAPEVINE WREATHS (craftsetc.com)
- EXTRA-THICK FRASER FIR GARLAND (gardensoftheblueridge.com)
- GREEN FLORIST WIRE
- HANGING COPPER BIRDBATH (birdandhome.com)
- FISHING LINE
- BIRCH LOGS (wilsonsevergreens.com)
- VOTIVE CANDLES IN 2½-INCH-DIAMETER X 8½-INCH-TALL CLEAR GLASS CONTAINERS (generalwax.com)
- ANTIQUE COPPER DOUBLE-FACED 2¼-INCH SATIN RIBBON (midoriribbon.com)
- BURLAP
- JUTE TWINE
- ZIP TIES (either clear or green)

TOOLS

- GARDEN PRUNERS
- WIRE CUTTERS
- DRILL WITH FORSTNER BIT ATTACHMENT (rockler.com)

➔ LOVE IT? GET IT! PAGE 228

A Rustic Look Inspired by Nature

The secrets to this outdoorsy arrangement are pinecones and birch logs. Their natural beauty adds woodland appeal to the entryway. Here's how we created the look.

Pinecones come in a wide variety of interesting shapes and sizes. Stephen gathered cones ranging from ¾ inch to 18 inches and arranged them in groups, pairs, and even mounds around this entryway. On the door, they dominate a

wreath made with a grapevine base. Clusters of large cones enhance the Fraser fir garland surrounding the doorway and fill a copper birdbath that's been turned into an elegant suspended bowl. The oversize cones also work well, coupled with copper-colored ribbon, at the end of the greenery-wrapped railings.

Birch logs dress the railings even more. Before attaching them, Stephen drilled holes in the logs to hold tall glass candleholders. Lit for a special evening, they cast just the right glow.



Simple Seasonal Idea

Replace the chains of a copper birdbath with fishing line and ribbon, and then suspend it from the porch ceiling. Fill it with leftover pinecones for one last festive touch.