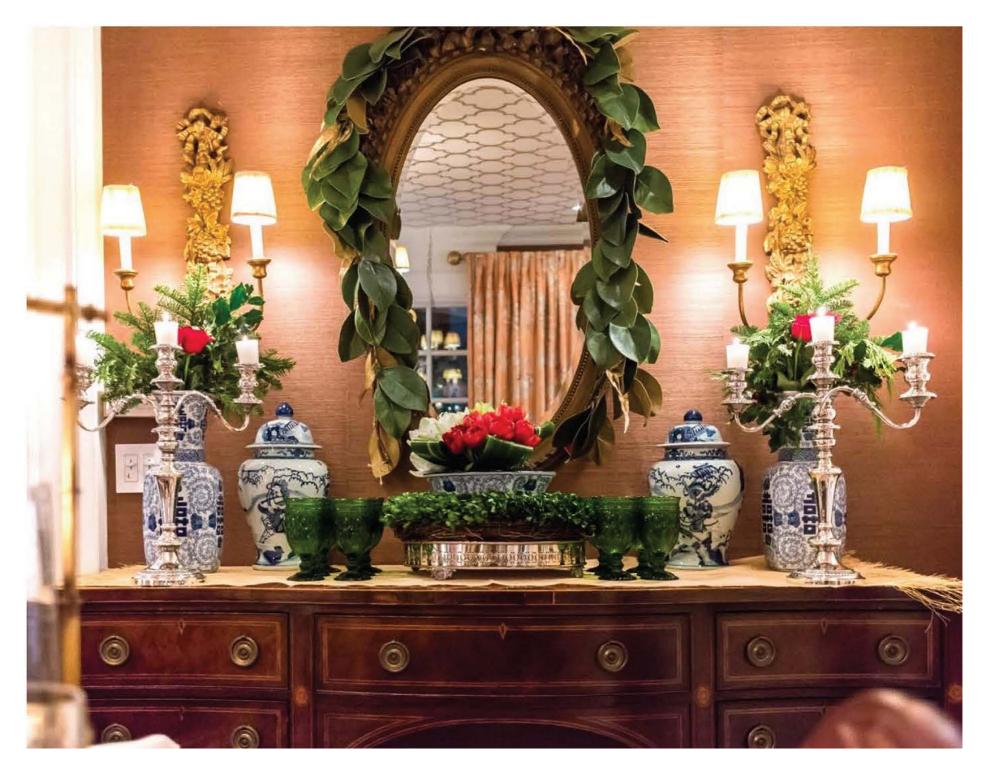
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Magnolia garlands are my go-to greenery for the holiday season. Real magnolia garlands age beautifully, if stored properly, and can be used from year to year.



Real is best for most holiday greenery but when it comes to the Christmas tree I recommend an artificial tree. The sturdy branches in artificial trees really allow you to go all out with lights and ornaments, without the worry of the decorations staying in place. It's the way to go if you like to decorate early in the season. Later in the season I add a second real tree — because more is

more when it comes to the holidays.

To add color to the greenery, it's fun to incorporate the classic and chic color combo of blue and

white — it makes for a natural companion for many color palettes, including red and green. I

particularly love to use blue and white vases for holiday floral arrangements. It's also a fabulous,

sophisticated look when mixed with tartan plaids. Blue and white absolutely takes holiday decor

to the next level. (Editor's Note: The Blue and White idea is a good one for those celebrating and

decorating for Hanukkah.)