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Mango Wood Letters, The Letter Room



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## deck the halls

Welcome to my Christmas home

You want your guests to know it's Christmas from the moment they open your garden gate. As well as placing a stunning wreath on your front door - do use natural plants for this, it's incredibly effective - think about sprucing up your beds and window boxes too. Try cyclamen and Christmas roses as well as variegated ivy for a fresh and pretty look.

Open the door to welcome in your guests and greet them with the traditional scents of Christmas: pine, eucalyptus, cinnamon, and orange and fruit. Scented candles are pretty but not safe for the hallway: achieve the same effect with diffuser sticks (The Body Shop's mandarin and tangelo is lovely) so that your guests and family fall into the warm embrace of spicy tangy perfumes. And that's before the aromas wafting through from the kitchen whet their appetites further.

A pretty console table featuring a stunning floral display, flanked by stunning mirrors and your favourite pictures, will add to the

welcoming ambience: poinsettia is the obvious and favourite choice of many but you can have fun with some alternative ideas too. You might want to carry the cyclamen theme inside for a

splash of colour or go for cool, sophisticated white.

A beautiful rug or runner, some little touches like an enchanting doorstop - and your Christmas has begun before your guests are seated with their first festive drink and canapé.

You are creating an instant impression which will add a flavour and taste to your Christmas. Make their entrance a grand one, and your Christmas home truly welcoming.

Words by Sarah Hodgson



Felt Tartan Door Stop, Rocking Pony