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What's in store for your interior in the coming month? Astrologer Zoë has some decorating tips for every sign

ARIES

21 MAR – 19 APR

With your ruling planet, Mars, touring distant Sagittarius, think far and wide for your Christmas decorating ideas. Try an Oriental flavour this year by hanging Chinese lanterns and handpainted fans lit by soft-tone light bulbs. If you want to take it a step further, chinoiserie wallpaper would make a perfect festive backdrop.

TAURUS

20 APR – 20 MAY

You might think you're leaving it late, but the weekend of 13 December will be an ideal time to shop for gifts, thanks to a full moon in Gemini. You have a taste for the exotic, so let your decor be lavish, evoking the midnight blues, purples and gold tones of the Arabian deserts. For added spice around the house, why not treat yourself to some frankincense and myrrh?

GEMINI

21 MAY – 20 JUNE

With the Sun and Mars in your opposite sign, you can afford to do things differently. Think Alice in Wonderland (well, it *is* the panto season after all) and lay on a Queen of Hearts-style feast, with a few extra places for unexpected guests. An extendable dining table, high-backed chairs and velvet cushions should do the trick!

CANCER

21 JUNE – 22 JULY

You'll be spending much of the festive season in the kitchen, so check your cooker and pots are up to the task. Then let the creamy colours and rich aromas of your food permeate your living space. Team wine, plum and raisin hues with off-whites and pale yellows. Candlelight and cushions will help your guests to relax and enjoy the festive fare.

LEO

23 JULY – 22 AUG

Entertaining is the name of the game for Leos, and the meeting of Mars and the new moon will definitely bring out your playful side. While shopping, pick up a few fun items, such as traditional board games, to keep you and the family amused. And don't forget to purchase some quality crackers to help things go off with a bang.

VIRGO

23 AUG – 22 SEPT

With Saturn in Virgo, look to the simplicity of days gone by for your festive inspiration. Vintage shops will provide a rich source of presents and furnishings that are both elegant and unique. And employing understated wrapping materials, such as brown paper and coloured ribbons, will augment the old-fashioned theme.

LIBRA

23 SEPT – 22 OCT

Dress the house for the season by 9 December, as you're likely to be rushed off your feet after that. To satisfy your sweet nature, try a nutcracker suite theme – lollipop spirals, polka dots and candy stripes will bring out the child in everyone. Then have some fun with a dolly mixtures colour scheme and, as a final touch, top your tree with a sugarplum fairy.

SCORPIO

23 OCT – 21 NOV

It's deep midwinter and the darkest time of year, which particularly suits Scorpio. Extravagant black baubles (1) are a fun take on traditional festivity, while a jet silk tablecloth will help to create a stunning scene at the table. Matt and shiny textures will add further depth to the setting – and impress your friends.



SAGITTARIUS

22 NOV – 21 DEC

'Tis the season to be jolly... This is your time, Sagittarius, and with Mars in your sign you should have all the energy you need to lay on a veritable feast for the eyes (and the stomach). Pander to your traditional nature by displaying a stunning red velvet tablecloth, charger plates and red glassware (2).

CAPRICORN

22 DEC – 19 JAN

You have scaled new heights this year and deserve a little time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labour. If you aren't tempted to jet off on a ski break, why not bring the mountains to your doorstep by creating an Alpine ambience at home. Warm your toes on a deep sheepskin rug in front of an open fire, then break out the eggnog and mince pies.

AQUARIUS

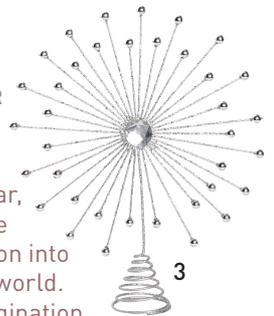
20 JAN – 18 FEB

Aquarians are the kings and queens of winter, so turn your home into an enigmatic ice palace to celebrate the season. Frosted glass and drapes of pale blue, or lilac organza trimmed with white fur, will create the coolest of atmospheres. Then add icicle lights and silver-bell hanging chimes for a truly magical effect.

PISCES

19 FEB – 20 MAR

Uranus has been in Pisces all year, inviting space and inspiration into your watery world. Let your imagination dream up some inventive decorations this year. Create a snow-globe fantasy feel with translucent baubles, and a sprinkling of silver (3), glitter and pearls.



1 Transparent black bauble with diamanté detail, £3.99, Homebase (0845 077 8888, homebase.co.uk) 2 Myra Red wine and champagne glasses, £5.50 each, Habitat (0844 499 1111, habitat.net) 3 Silver star tree topper, £4.97, Asda (0500 100055, asda.co.uk)