

Decorating Tips & Tricks

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

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Quite inexpensive, framed or unframed mirrors work well to create the illusion of space and amplify the apparent size of the room. They are versatile home décor pieces that can be used as a substitute for art, if hung properly.

An excellent place to hang a mirror is above the fireplace - the focal point of the room.



Try leaning the mirror against the wall on the mantle. It may reflect the ceiling and that's not very exciting, so here's what I did in a recent project: (photo above) To minimize the ceiling reflection, I placed a vase of flowers in front of the leaned mirror.



If you like to bring the outdoors in, a perfect spot to place a mirror is on the wall opposite a window. This way you not only get the reflection of nature, but you reflect the light too and that will brighten your room.

For an interesting composition, try reflecting a mirror in a mirror (below)



Foyers are spaces that usually require a mirror, not just to bring the light in and make the space feel larger, but for a last glance at your make-up before you step out the door. When you are not the reflection in the mirror, just make sure it reflects something equally as pretty - ART!



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New this Year!

Both the Santa Claus Parade and Main Street Markham Festival of Lights will be held on Saturday, November 29th

Saturday, November 29, the fun starts at 10am as the **Santa Claus Parade** winds its way from Highway 7 and heads north to the Markham Museum. More than 100 floats will be featured, including such old tyme favourites as marching bands, pipes and drums, and of course, Santa and his reindeer.

Immediately after the parade, **Santafest**, a new event this year, will feature: Santa in his castle – Come get your picture taken with Santa. Entertainment all day on the main stage, spotlighting some of your favourite local talent. Fabulous food, street entertainers, magicians, carolers, petting zoo and much more!

The **Festival of Lights** opens at 5:00PM, with Mayor Frank Scarpitti, members of council and local politicians performing the **Grand Tree Lighting Ceremony** on the main stage.

The annual "**Best Dressed Window Contest**" is underway and this year, it's a people's choice award. So...you be the judge. Visit any participating merchant to fill in a ballot. The top three winners will be announced at the Festival of Lights, followed by fireworks. Each entry is entered to win a \$25 gift certificate, redeemable at any Main Street Markham store or service.

Pictures from the Centre of Dreams Festival of Trees colouring contest will be posted in the shops on Main Street. Come out and see your child's masterpiece on display for all to admire.

Mark your calendar now for November 29. Don't miss the Santa Claus parade, Santafest and the Festival of Lights! For more details, see

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