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*P*erhaps no other natural decorations are as versatile and long-lasting as evergreens. True to their name, they may be enjoyed 365 days a year, if you employ some of the fabulous ideas from designer Robert Waite.

A companion to *Decorating with Evergreens*, this book will inspire you with fresh ways to beautify your home with the season's greenery. While their fragrance and color exude a rich taste of the holidays, the variety of adornments shown here will stimulate your imagination to create unique tabletop bouquets for any time of year. Whether mixed with fresh flowers, fruit, or live plants, greenery creates fabulous wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and swags that can make one-of-a-kind conversation pieces for any event or style home.



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# NATURAL SETTINGS

All-natural materials make eco-friendly sense these days. Sometimes, you just can't improve on Mother Nature! Anyone with a single pine tree (or more) in their yard can easily collect pinecones in a bucket as they fall throughout the year and then have them readily available for use in an evergreen or other floral creation. In fact, one wife trained her husband to save fallen pinecones from the yard in a special bucket instead of simply discarding them.



FACING: Nesting in paradise, this cardinal knows how to pick a beautiful home. Red billy balls, pinecones, red and blue ribbon, princess pine and balsam fir add to the charm of this bird-lover's delight.

LEFT: A window to nature: Juniper, lotus pods, Scotch broom, black-eyed Susan pods, red berries and red cardinals in a wire basket combine to brighten up a windowsill with colorful, natural elements from the outdoors. The arrangement shines against the white window no matter the weather.



What a charmer! This arrangement can brighten any heart or mood with a beautiful spray of color. Providing the natural fireworks to this basket are yellow daylilies, lemons, white carnations, pink pixies, poms, alstroemeria, ruscus, Scotch broom, seeded eucalyptus, fir, pinecones and curly willow.

