

Seasons Greeting

Mantles seem to get the same treatment every year. Instead of the usual wreath on the wall and pair of candles and stockings, try loading it up with a favorite collection.

Very Merry Mantle

Your collection has a greater impact when grouped together. Doesn't matter if it's Christmas St. Nicks or ceramic dogs or framed photos. Things look better grouped than scattered around the room.



I found each of these Santas or St. Nicks at Goodwill stores for less than \$35.00. Each is made of a different material: ceramic, glass, resin, wood, even plastic. Although they each have a different finish, the single theme makes them a cohesive whole.



The secret to making a great display is to vary the heights and angles. Evergreen boughs fill in the gaps and a string of lights and candles cast pretty shadows and illuminate the display.



If your fireplace and dining table are in the same room, consider coordinating your holiday displays. This mantle goes great with the Jolly St. Nick table setting.

