

Christmaximalism: Why This Is the Year to Go All Out With **Holiday Decor**

This year, we're decking the halls like never before.



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The weekend before Thanksgiving, designer Eneia White took to Instagram to unveil a video of her swathing her Queens apartment in over-the-top Christmas decor. "Since I'm not going home for Thanksgiving, I used the final leg of my vacation last week to create a holiday explosion in my apartment," she explained in the caption. While she may physically be solo this season, White is hardly alone in her newfound attitude towards holiday decorating. In a year that has been tumultuous at best, often difficult and depressing—and at a time when we're spending more time than ever at home—there might be no better reason to pull out all the stops for end-of-year merriment. Early decorating timelines, larger-thanlife ornament displays, whole-house decorations: We're dubbing this reinvigorated passion for holiday decor Christmaximalism—and many of our favorite creatives are in on the trend.

In Washington, D.C., designer Josh Hildreth mixed wreaths, garlands, and tartan bows on his cherry red front door.



The door of Josh Hildreth's 1891 farmhouse (which he renovated with Hugh Newell Jacobsen) looks picture-perfect for Christmas. GORDON BEALL