

## Christmas mini-series

### The perfect Christmas table decorations

#### Episode Description

This time on the podcast, Sarah and Arthur talk about Christmas tables and some exciting decoration ideas which will add style and elegance to your home this Christmas. Be inspired by tasteful table runners, flower arrangements that last, and creative ways to make your own candle holders.

#### In this episode, discover...

- ❖ Stunning centrepiece ideas
- ❖ Unusual ways to anchor Christmas candles
- ❖ Dazzling decorations to hang from the ceiling

## Mini-series episode 2 advice sheet

### Arthur's decoration tips for a small table

#### Honesty seedpod arrangement

- ❖ Arthur likes to use dried and shelled honesty seedpods to decorate the table
- ❖ Next, he fills a 'Nero Vase' with sand - the sort you might buy from a pet shop for a birdcage
- ❖ Arrange your honesty seedpods in the vase. Arthur likes to position his to the winter sun hits the arrangement, which creates a striking statement
- ❖ Remember – if you put dried stems in a vase of water, they'll go mushy. Sand is a better option as it helps to weigh the vase down

#### Additional decorative ideas from Arthur

- ❖ Pineapples in the centre of the table and scattered chocolate coins will go down a treat!
- ❖ Don't stick to the rule book. Go for small vases of Panicum capillare 'Sparkling Fountain' – a glamorous addition to any table
- ❖ Arthur dresses his Sparrmannia Africana in cobwebs of copper fairy lights and silver birch sticks – like a living Christmas tree
- ❖ Sidoides in classy terracotta pots look gorgeous in the centre of the Christmas table

### **Stunning ways to display candles**

- ❖ Sarah uses an apple corer to create a gulf in a pomegranate, a quirky and fun way to anchor candles on your Christmas table. Simple and sweet, you can also replicate this with an orange stuffed with cloves for fragrance. The fruit lasts 5-6 days without looking tired
- ❖ Display alongside single stems of Anemone Coronaria, or Amaryllis 'Mandela' – dark and decadent
- ❖ Arthur loves mossy green tones and Venetian reds when it comes to candles. He suggests displaying them coloured glass, inspired by the Notre Dame Cathedral

### **A stylish hanging decoration**

- ❖ A natural and sustainable disco ball
- ❖ Arthur moulds chicken wire into a sphere, about the size of a football
- ❖ Next, he attaches rope, a battery pack of copper-wired fairy lights, and stuffs the sphere with heads of Allium 'Cristophii'
- ❖ For the finale, he adds some shelled honesty seedpods. Stunning.
- ❖ If you're planning to reuse your allium heads next year, don't forget to wrap them separately in tissue before storing them. This will prevent them from getting tangled up