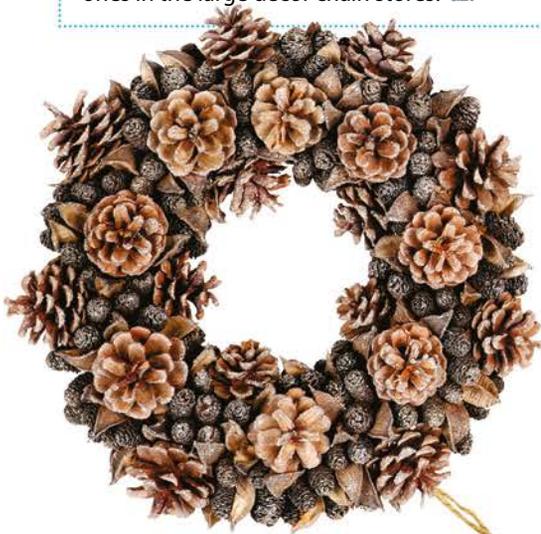


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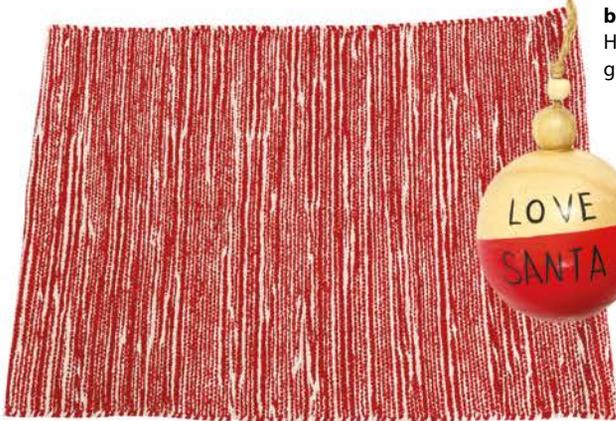
We asked Jo'burg interior decorator Susan Hughes for her tips on adding holiday sparkle to an entrance:



- At the front gate, weave waterproof solar fairy lights into the pot plants so they light up at night. They come in different colours, so if you have a theme (I love blue), you can carry this through here.
- Place a wreath on your street gate or front door. I have one made out of twigs painted a light duck-egg blue. Every year I add decorations in whatever colour scheme I'm using that season. Hide battery-powered fairy lights in amongst the twigs to add some magic.
- I like to add a Christmas topiary tree on either side of the door decorated with baubles in the theme colours. This year I'll be using purple velvet ribbons and clusters of silver glass balls.
- Look out for a fun doormat. I've found some inexpensive ones in the large decor chain stores. **GH**



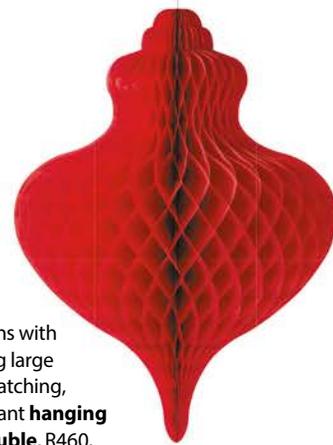
Decorate the front door with a pinecone **wreath**, R599,95, from Boardmans.



Tie the scheme together with a cheerful mat, like this chenille **rug**, R118, from SANTOS.



Use this 35cm glitter **stag**, R199, from Woolworths, for a woodland feel.



Balance delicate decorations with something large and eye-catching, like this giant **hanging paper bauble**, R460, from In Good Company.



Add a twinkle with this set of three glitter **stars**, R15,99, from Mr Price Home.



Add magical atmosphere with a Copper tealight **Christmas tree**, R425, from SANTOS.

A **conifer** in a hessian sack with fairy lights, R249,99, from Woolworths, gives a traditional look.

A natural wood **Love Santa bauble**, R29,99, from Mr Price Home, complements the greenery.



This soft **bucket** in Brancusi Stripe, from R155, from Skinny laMinx, is the perfect container for small trees.



Welcome your guests in style with Christmas **bunting**, R199, from Woolworths.

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