

# Expert shares ideas for decorating with flair

The holiday season doesn't have to always involve the same old, same old when it comes to decorating your home.

Take a few ideas from John Griffith. As the lead visual merchandiser for Replacements, Ltd., he spends the entire year scouting and developing innovative tips and techniques to deck the halls and trim the perfect tree. So far, Griffith's team has adorned nearly a dozen

trees throughout the company's retail store. Each tannenbaum is a story in itself, defined by color and style and unique looks created by combining ornaments with what some might consider nontraditional trimmings.

"So many people settle for simply hanging ornaments on their trees, but there is so much more

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Add in ribbons, florals and beads to complement holiday ornaments.

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## Popcorn

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popcorn in bowl. Toss well to coat popcorn evenly. Line a baking sheet with foil. Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray, then scoop up about 1 cup of popcorn mixture. Shape mixture into a cone shape, keeping the base flat. This forms the tree. Sprinkle tree with decorating sugar; place tree on baking sheet.

Continue to make the rest of the trees.

Pipe frosting on trees to make a garland, then decorate them with

colorful candies.

**Serving suggestion:** Place each tree on a sugar cookie and decorate your serving tray with shredded coconut to resemble snow.

### Notes:

\* It's important that this recipe starts with unflavored white popcorn for best color and flavor.

\*\* You can make your own colored sugar by adding food coloring to sugar, stirring in a bowl or shaking vigorously in a sealed container. Add more food coloring for more intense tones.

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Attorneys Steven D. Jaeger, left, and Steven R. Jaeger advise that you know the steps to take if you are involved in an accident. PHOTO BY TONYA BORGATTI FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESS/RECORDER

# How to be prepared in the event of an accident

Heading into winter, it is the time of year when the roads get slick and walkways get icy. Sometimes accidents happen and people get hurt without anyone being at fault.

But sometimes accidents are a result of all the chaos in our lives. People are talking on their cellphones or text-

ing while driving and sitting in traffic. Sometimes people are too busy to fix that broken down sidewalk or bad step leading into their house. It is not intentional, it's just that sometimes people get too busy to take proper action.

No matter the type of

accident, make sure you take the necessary steps to protect yourself and those you love. The legal professionals at The Jaeger Firm, PLLC are here to help guide you through the process. For more information, give them a call at 859-342-4500.

## NINE STEPS TO TAKE WHEN YOU'VE HAD AN ACCIDENT

In the event an accident occurs to you or someone you love, it is important that you be prepared. Should you find yourself involved in an accident, the attorneys at The Jaeger Firm, PLLC advise you take the following steps:

1. Make sure you are safe.
2. Get medical assistance, if needed. Don't put off being checked by a medical doctor.
3. Make a police report.
4. Catalog the events of the accident as best as you can. Make a diary.
5. Photograph the scene of the accident, any injuries sustained, or any property damage incurred as a result of the accident.
6. Contact your insurance companies.
7. Make sure you keep copies of all medical bills, pharmaceutical receipts, or additional expenses associated with the accident, as they may be needed at a later date or for insurance purposes.
8. Be cautious about settling your claims with the insurance company without seeking the advice of legal counsel.
9. Remember, Kentucky law limits the amount of time that you have in order to file a lawsuit as a result of an injury.



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

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