

Five Easy Fall Home Décor Projects



(StatePoint) As you shift from outdoor barbecues to indoor feasts and gatherings, make sure your home is in tip-top shape with these five simple updates.

1. Picture Perfect Gallery Wall

Show love to your favorite seasons by showcasing them on a featured gallery wall, which is a top design trend in 2015:

- Gather a series of picture frames. Use ones that vary in size to create an eclectic look.

- Using burlap, white paper, newspaper, or even pages from an old wallpaper book, place the material on the frame's backing to create a unique backdrop.

- Next, customize the gallery for fall by placing real or faux foliage in the frames. Since the frames are already hung, you can easily swap out décor for different seasons.

2. Painted Accent Wall

Take your living area from lifeless to lovely with a pop of color. Paint an accent wall in a deep, rich hue to set the autumn scene in your home. Darker paint colors tend show more imperfections, so ensure a flawless finish by using painter's tape to achieve sharp paint lines on trim, baseboards, crown molding and around doors and windows. You can prevent paint bleed with FrogTape brand painter's tape, which is treated with patented PaintBlock Technology to leave you with a top-notch paint job.

3. Curb Appetites in Style with an Edible Centerpiece

Create a palatable centerpiece as a practical, yet pretty addition to the table with these steps:

- Wrap the base of a candle with plastic wrap to prevent direct contact with your filler material.

- Nestle the candle into a bowl and surround it with

small apples, cranberries or coffee beans.

- Take your centerpiece to new heights by painting a decorative stripe or pattern around the bowl.

4. Keep Cocoa Warm with DIY Chalkboard Mugs

Serve guests in style with customizable chalkboard mugs – here's how:

- Tape around the top of a porcelain mug and handle, creating a straight line to paint beneath, using painter's tape, such as FrogTape. Paint the taped-off area with porcelain chalkboard paint. Remove the tape when you finish painting and allow the mug to dry for 24 hours.

- Bake your mug according to your paint's directions. Allow it to cool. The paint will be as permanent as baked enamel – and dishwasher and microwave safe.

- Personalize the mug with festive phrases for visitors.

5. Personalize Pumpkins with Paint

Easily amplify your pumpkins with glam – here's how:

- Buy a few different shaped gourds and pumpkins from your local farmer's market or grocery store.

- Spray paint them with a metallic finish, white, lacquer or a textured paint.

- Protect areas you don't want painted (like the stems) with painter's tape. You can also use the tape to create designs on the pumpkins prior to painting.

For more home décor inspiration, visit frogtape.com.

With simple projects, you can elevate your home with custom character just in time for fall.

1-29 Dairy Outreach Consortium Dairy Tours

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Dairy producers and heifer growers are invited to attend a dairy tour sponsored by the 1-29 Dairy Outreach Consortium Oct. 29.

Registration for the tour is due by Oct. 26, 2015. Total cost per person is \$85 or \$35 if you are a student. The cost includes transportation, lunch, and refreshments on vans. Vans will be filled on a first come, first served basis when registration is received for Van-carpooling. A \$60 per person registration fee is available to those who travel on their own.

To register, visit the iGrow Dairy community page.

"Here's your opportunity to see excellent heifer-growing facilities firsthand and learn what has worked, as well as what producers have changed along the way," said Tracey Erickson, SDSU Extension Dairy Field Specialist.

Tour Details:
Newalta Dairy Farm (1125 71st St. Pipestone, Minn., 56164)

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. John and Berlinda VanderWal own and operate Newalta Dairy. The drive to improve their dairy farm and provide better opportunities for their family led the VanderWal Family from the Netherlands to Canada and to Pipestone, Minn., in 2005 where they built their current operation and milk 1,600 cows.

With each move or new project they implemented new management practices or technologies to be more productive and provide better care for their herd. They currently raise their own pre-weaned calves.

They utilize Urban Automatic Calf Feeding systems in group housing which can handle up to 300 of the dairy's heifer calves.

VanEss Dairy, LLC (2996 Sorrel Ave, Sanborn, Iowa 51248)

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. After relocating from Washington to Idaho and then to Iowa, Harvey and Lisa VanEss and their sons, Joshua, Jeremy,

Chad, Tyler and Todd are successfully milking 4,000 cows at their Sanborn Dairy.

The VanEss Dairy operation is a cross-ventilated, sand-bedded free stall barn which spans 9.8 acres.

In 2014, they built a new on site calf raising facility. This unique group housing and headlock feeding system supports 650 heifers from birth to weaning.

VanEss Dairy embraces change and encourages other dairy farmers to do the same - especially on multi-generation farms.

11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch
Jay's Restaurant and Lounge - Buffet Lunch (120 W 7th St. Sanborn, Iowa 51248)

City View Farms (4135 Yellow Ave, Sutherland, Iowa 51058)

1-2 p.m. Ken and Vickie Franken operate City View Farms of Sutherland and Sioux Center, Iowa. They have specialized in the heifer growing business for more than 30 years.

The Franken's heifer raising facilities consists of two sites which they operate with their children: Jody, Jamie, Jake, and Jess. They raise dairy heifers from post-weaning age to pre-freshening for as many as 12 different dairies locally and across the Midwest.

Their facilities hold up to 16,000 head. City View works closely with dairy producers, veterinarians, and AI technicians to effectively manage the heifers.

Franken's belong to the Professional Dairy Heifer Growers Association (PDHGA) which helps them learn and network with other dairy heifer growers across the nation making them the successful operation they are today.

Dykstra Dairy (40671 110th St., Remsen, Iowa 51050)

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Darin and Linda Dykstra Dairy began milking cows at their current location near Maurice, Iowa in February 2003 after moving their dairy

from Chino, California.

They milk 3,000 cows on the dairy in Maurice along with growing their own heifer calves at a facility off-site from the dairy in Ramsen, Iowa. The calf raising facility has 14 GEA WestfaliaSurge Automatic Calf Feeding Systems, which raise all of the dairy's replacement heifers through weaning

4:15 pm Return Home
Transportation Details:
Vans are provided for transportation. Below are pick-up details.

Location and times from which you will depart from:
North Dakota: Departure Location: NDSU Dairy Unit - Fargo, N.D. Departing Wednesday Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. to stay overnight in Brookings. Contact is J.W. Schroeder, email.

South Dakota: Departure Location: Brookings & Sioux Falls, SD. Departing Thursday Oct. 29 at 6:45 a.m. Contact is Tracey Erickson, email.

Minnesota: Departure Locations: St. Joseph Park & Ride (I-94 & Cty Rd 2, Minn.) Contact is Jim Salfer, email. Along I-90 (please contact Jim Paulson) Departing from both locations, Thursday Oct. 29 at 5 a.m. Contact is Jim Paulson, email or 507.251.4694.

Iowa: Departure Location: Sioux Center (Walmart Parking lot, SE corner), Iowa. Departing Thursday Oct. 29 at 7 a.m. Contact is Ryan Breuer, email.

Nebraska: Departure Location: Norfolk & Sioux City, Neb. Departing from Norfolk, Wednesday Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. stay over in Sioux City. Departing from Sioux City on Thursday Oct. 29 at 6 a.m. Contact for both departure locations is Kim Clark, email, 402.350.5003.

For those staying overnight in Brookings or Sioux City you will be responsible for your own hotel expenses, please coordinate with the person you are traveling with. ■iGrow

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