

Fresh Decor

Inside & Outside your home

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If you find yourself with a new space to decorate, or want to give new life to some area of your home, Ranch Land Country Store has what you need.

"The most important thing is to make it your own," Kristi McCoy at Ranch Land said.

McCoy said the easiest way to change the style of a living area is to add or change throw pillows. "From Western to modern, for example," she said, "you might start with one bold pillow as a focal point and add some neutral ones around it." And that's the case with most areas. McCoy advised choosing a colorful accessory — a wall hanging, a throw blanket, etc. — with "pops of color," and building around it.

Ranch Land has lots of items from which to choose, including decorator pieces (both for outside and inside), distressed wood pieces, iron work, recycled materials, and so on. McCoy said it's not uncommon for decorators to use outside decorations inside these days, and noted recycled or re-purposed materials are big right now. Another creative idea she's seen is using kitchen items as decorations.

"Using a cake stand as a riser to showcase some-

thing in your room can add levels, depth and textures to your design," she said.

Lighting fixtures/lamps are also a good way to "put some sparkle" in your design, McCoy said. A big seller at Ranch Land right now are the mason jar firefly lamps and lighted signs, she said. Positive affirmation signs are also very popular.

Basic design, if she had to break it into steps, McCoy said, are as follows:

- start with a neutral foundation, and then layer your colors and textures;
- use temporary fixtures that can be changed out easily depending on the season or your mood;
- have a plan or basic motif/scheme in mind.

McCoy went on to say that customers are welcome to bring ideas and pictures to her at the store, and she will do her best to help out with finding items and matching colors. Also, the store can special order items, and she's happy to help you find the decorating items you want.

Ranch Land Country Store is located on Hwy. 84 just outside of Goldthwaite.



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