

Rust & Roses Learning

Decorating with Joy | Checklist

BRING NATURE INDOORS

A simple checklist for bringing warmth, texture, and life into your home.

1. Choose Your Natural Element

- ☐ Fresh flowers
- ☐ Greenery
- ☐ Tree or flowering branches
- ☐ Dried flowers
- ☐ Pinecones, acorns or seed pods
- ☐ Moss
- ☐ Herbs or garden clippings
- ☐ Preserved greenery
- ☐ Realistic faux stems

2. Find an Unexpected Container

- ☐ Vintage pitcher
- ☐ Crock
- ☐ Old bottle
- ☐ Watering can
- ☐ Something else I already own: _____
- ☐ Creamer
- ☐ Mason jar
- ☐ Basket
- ☐ Pretty cup or bowl

Where could my home use a little touch of nature?

3. Find the Right Spot

- ☐ Look for an area that feels flat, hard, or unfinished
- ☐ Notice spaces with lots of hard surfaces that could use some softness
- ☐ Try your arrangement on a shelf, tabletop, counter, or within a vignette
- ☐ Place it where it complements the treasures already around it
- ☐ Make sure it doesn't hide or overwhelm nearby pieces
- ☐ Step back and look at the entire space
- ☐ Move it somewhere else and compare if the first spot doesn't feel quite right

Does it feel...

- ☐ Softer
- ☐ Warmer or Welcoming
- ☐ More Interesting
- ☐ Like me

Most importantly...

- ☐ **Does it bring you joy?**