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FALL DECORATING IDEAS

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When children go back to school and there's a chill in the air, it's a great time to start thinking about simple fall decorating projects. Decorating for fall can be very inexpensive. Many of the wonderful things you need are probably found in your back yard. You can collect leaves, broken tree branches and pine cones to name just a few.

Some simple ideas can be:

- Place several pumpkins or gourds on a long white platter or low basket or tray. Add a few leaves, berry clusters or flowers to add colour and texture.

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- A sunflower, peony or rose arrangement can be made by clipping off the heads of the flowers. Place three or four sunflower or whatever flower is in season that are similar in size into a low rimmed platter filled with water to create an elegant centerpiece.

- Take a **small** pumpkin and drill a 3/4" hole in the center of the pumpkin. Scoop out the insides of the pumpkin. Use a floral pick from a craft store and tuck a few leaves with wire into the hole. Insert a colourful

candle securely into the hole. You can cut one inch from the bottom of the candle if it doesn't feel secure. Wrap a decorative ribbon around the bottom of the candle. Group 3 or 4 pumpkins together for a colourful centerpiece.

Special points of interest:

- Collect things from your own backyard to use for fall decorating projects

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