Joann Kandrac and Kelly Kole



the home of Rebecca and William Phalen in East Cobb, Joann Kandrac and Kelly Kole of the Kandrac Kole team chose the living room built-in bookcases to display a holiday-inspired vignette in blue, silver and white. This minimalist winter décor includes an array of the homeowners' own items, greenery from the yard and new holiday finds that match the coastal style space. "People don't want to completely empty everything, so this is a good way to incorporate what you already have," Kandrac said. "Plus, you don't necessarily think of gray when you think of Christmas, but it's a great backdrop for all colors," Kole added.





Kennesaw-based interior designers Joann Kandrac and Kelly Kole, of the nationally recognized firm Kandrac Kole Interior Designs, believe in having fun and laughing often while fostering lifelong relationships with their clients. It is that philosophy, combined with their innate knack for imaging and creating distinctive spaces, that has endeared them to a loyal client base and landed them in The New York Times, House Beautiful and on HGTV.com, among others. They've even shot two pilots for possible programming on HGTV. But, even with all the accolades, these ladies still focus solely on the way someone feels when they're living in a space. For these living room built-in bookcases, Kandrac and Kole used the family's love of coastal inspired style to put a new spin on traditional holiday décor.

DIY TIPS

- *Add an air of whimsy with your very own DIY holiday centerpiece. Find a vintage frame from an antique store, and add an oversized ribbon and an array of fun ornaments using tinselstyle twine.
- # Fill those glass jars and vases under your kitchen sink with sparkly beaded chains, ornaments and spray painted mini pinecones.
- Collect old hardcover books from second hand stores and either spray paint or wrap in white to create eyecatching holiday displays.
- *Add greenery cut fresh from your yard to breathe life into purchased holiday décor. Pine, holly, magnolia and succulents all look great!





