

Deck the door

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Three interior designers
decorate the front doors of
Cobb residents for Christmas



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Christmas is a holiday decorated like no other. Over two-thirds of us deck the halls in some fashion. Christmas decorations lift the spirit and often bring back memories of Christmases past, such as riding through the neighborhood as a kid to oohh and ahh at all the pretty lights. Christmas decorations also bring smiles to the faces of neighbors and

passers-by, and stimulates the mood for celebration. Without wreaths, ornaments hanging from trees or lights along the roof of a house, the holiday spirit just wouldn't be the same.

Maybe you have a favorite ornament or stocking or wreath that you hang every year—perhaps one passed down from generation to generation. Or maybe you enjoy Christmas décor so much you try

something new every year. Or maybe you love decorations, but have no idea where to start.

We asked three Cobb designers to decorate the door of a neighbor, friend or client for Christmas, using any style they desired. Whether you decorate yourself or hire someone to do it for you, we hope it's the most wonderful time of the year.

DOOR #2

Home of Marilyn Melton in Acworth
Designer: **Kandrac & Kole Interior Designs, Inc. of Acworth**

Joann Kandrac and Kelly Kole met as coworkers at Decorating Mart in Marietta. While working together on a Designer Showhouse at the Governors Towne Club in Acworth, the two realized they “saw eye to eye on everything” and their respective talents complemented each other well. Shortly after, they opened their own business, Kandrac and Kole Interior Designs, Inc. in 2005. Kelly, who lives in Kennesaw with her husband Mike and daughters Emory and Riley, has five years experience in interior decorating while partner Joann, who lives in Acworth with her husband Drew and daughters Amanda and Christina, has 10 years. The duo love what they do and try to approach every project with a fresh eye to avoid cookie-cutter designing.

“We get a kick out of breaking the stereotype of the typical interior designer,” said Kelly. “We are professional businesswomen but we can be fun, flexible and very funky!”

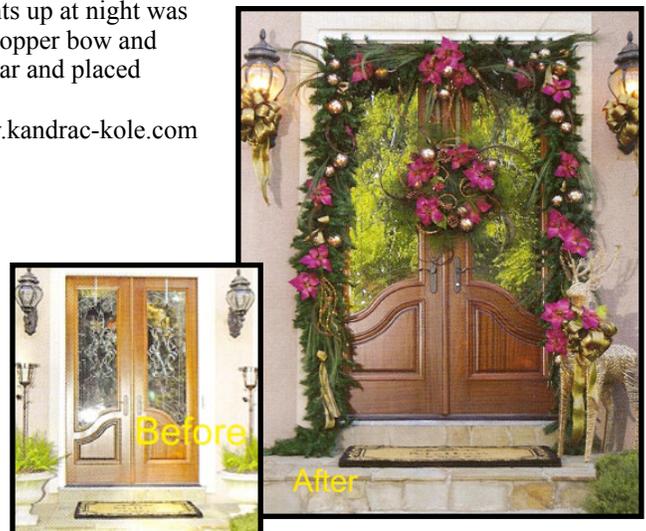
With their firm belief that holiday décor can be elegant and festive without being dependent upon reds, greens and gold, Kelly and Joann put their own unique spin on a traditional design – pink, pink and more pink.

“We love pink and all the boldness, pizzazz and style it represents! We believe the color pink to not only symbolize hope, compassion and joyful emotions but to represent a certain kind of attitude,” said Kelly.

They started by blanketing the perimeter of the double doors with a pine garland, which was

fabricated by floral designer Janet Temple. The swag was garnished with pink, glittery poinsettias, copper beading and pink, chartreuse and copper cracked glass ornaments. Golden feathers, sprigs of pine and copper wire ribbon were also added as adornments. A lime green pine wreath hung in the center of the door completed the look. The wreath is bedecked with copper painted pine cones, as well as all of the elements used in the garland. Copper bows were attached to the base of each lantern flanking the front doors as finishing touches. To add a little fun, a golden reindeer which lights up at night was dressed up with a copper bow and pink poinsettia collar and placed beside the doors.

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Design time: 14 hours Cost: \$750