

THE PLANNING CHECKLIST



When it comes to planning your festivities, start by asking the following questions:

Location:

Will it be an indoor or outdoor event?

Climate:

What is the season where you are? This may influence the colour palette, the choice of textiles, lighting, food, drinks, and decor.

Time:

Will it be a breakfast, lunch, dinner, a cocktail party or an all-day-in-to-the-evening event?

The Dress Code:

Will it be a formal, semi-formal, holiday festive, or a casual event?

The Guest List:

Is it a mix of ages or an adult gathering?

Areas to Decorate:

Are you looking to expand your theme throughout the home or will it be limited to your tablescape, entryway display, or living room?



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The Tree:

What will your style of tree be?

For example, is it a real tree, a faux tree, or a foraged branch tree? Where will you position your tree? Will you have more than one tree display?

The Theme:

Are you continuing an annual tradition or are you wanting to explore a new theme?

Festive Activities:

Do you need to craft out space in your home for certain activities?

This may include a pre-lunch/dinner gathering space, or an area to play games such as boules, a children's scavenger hunt, or board games.

Wrapping:

How will you wrap and embellish your gifts and table settings?

Will these embellishments match your festive theme?

Are there personal touches or family traditions you would like to include?



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Tableware:

Are you using your existing tableware or are you looking to refresh and update your collection? If you are catering for a crowd, do you need to hire in tableware?

Tip

One fun idea is for each guest to bring a vintage/thrifted plate as a useful gift for you to use and keep, perhaps with a set colour in mind so you can create a wonderful collection that can be used each year.

Visual interest:

Where will the main energy & visual interest come from?

It may be your Christmas tree, the ornaments, the textiles, the decor, the tableware, or even the lighting.

Do you want these elements to be subtle and streamlined, or are they designed to add impact, with bold colours, patterns, textures, and shapes?

Thank you!

We trust that we have provided some inspirational and informative ideas to help you create a welcoming and festive home that you and your family will enjoy this holiday season.

As always, when creating a home you love, the beauty is in the detail.

Suzie xx



ABOUT US

As an interior stylist and business owner of over 20 years, I truly believe that the beauty is in the detail and it's all the little things that combine to create a "feel good" atmosphere.

Our retail stores, interior styling work, and youtube videos are driven by a passion for renovation, interiors, history, and travel, and the desire to help you create a home you love.

OUR STORES

SUZIE ANDERSON HOME Moss Vale

Our Moss Vale Store is a Lifestyle Emporium of 10 rooms.

Its unique layout allows us to showcase items from our travels alongside a curated range of furniture, homewares & decor.

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SUZIE ANDERSON HOME BOWRAL

Our Bowral store takes advantage of its garden entrance with abundant natural light and a lofty space.

The Alfresco focus is designed to bring beauty to your conservatory and garden living spaces.

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