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**Vern Yip**

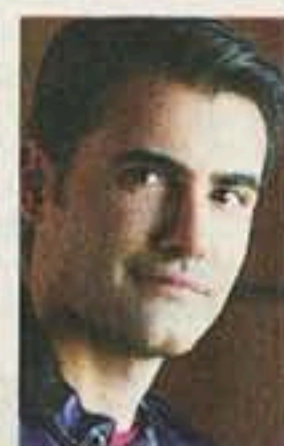
Yip, an Atlanta interior designer and architect, is a judge of HGTV's *Design Star* and host of HGTV's *Deserving Design*. He has won numerous awards and has written a decorating book.

**Glenn Fiedler**

Fiedler, known for his holiday decorating skills, works his magic on several private homes in Palm Beach County and the Fifth Avenue Grill in Delray Beach.

**Cecil Hayes**

Hayes, owner of Cecil's Designers Unlimited in Coconut Creek, is a member of *Architectural Digest's* Top 100 and has written two decorating books.

**Martin Amado**

Amado, a TV host and designer from Sunrise, has appeared on HGTV. He does the "Room for Improvement" segment on WSVN-Ch. 7 and "Manos a la Obra" on TeleFutura.

Fuss fighters

Four decorating stars show easy ways to put some twinkle into your home holidays.

BY CHARLYNE VARKONYI SCHAUB
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Some of us must be genetically linked to Martha Stewart. We're holiday junkies.

We live for decking the halls with over-the-top decorations. One tree is never enough.

Our vocabulary is laden with talk of Christopher Radko, Department 56 and Byers Choice. We wouldn't think of letting Kwanzaa go by without decorating the buffet and the table.

But there comes a time when life intrudes on our sugar plum fairy fantasies. Maybe we've done the deed for 40 years and we're tired of hauling boxes to dig through our treasured ornaments. Or perhaps the kids are zapping our energy with their parties, soccer games, karate and ballet classes.

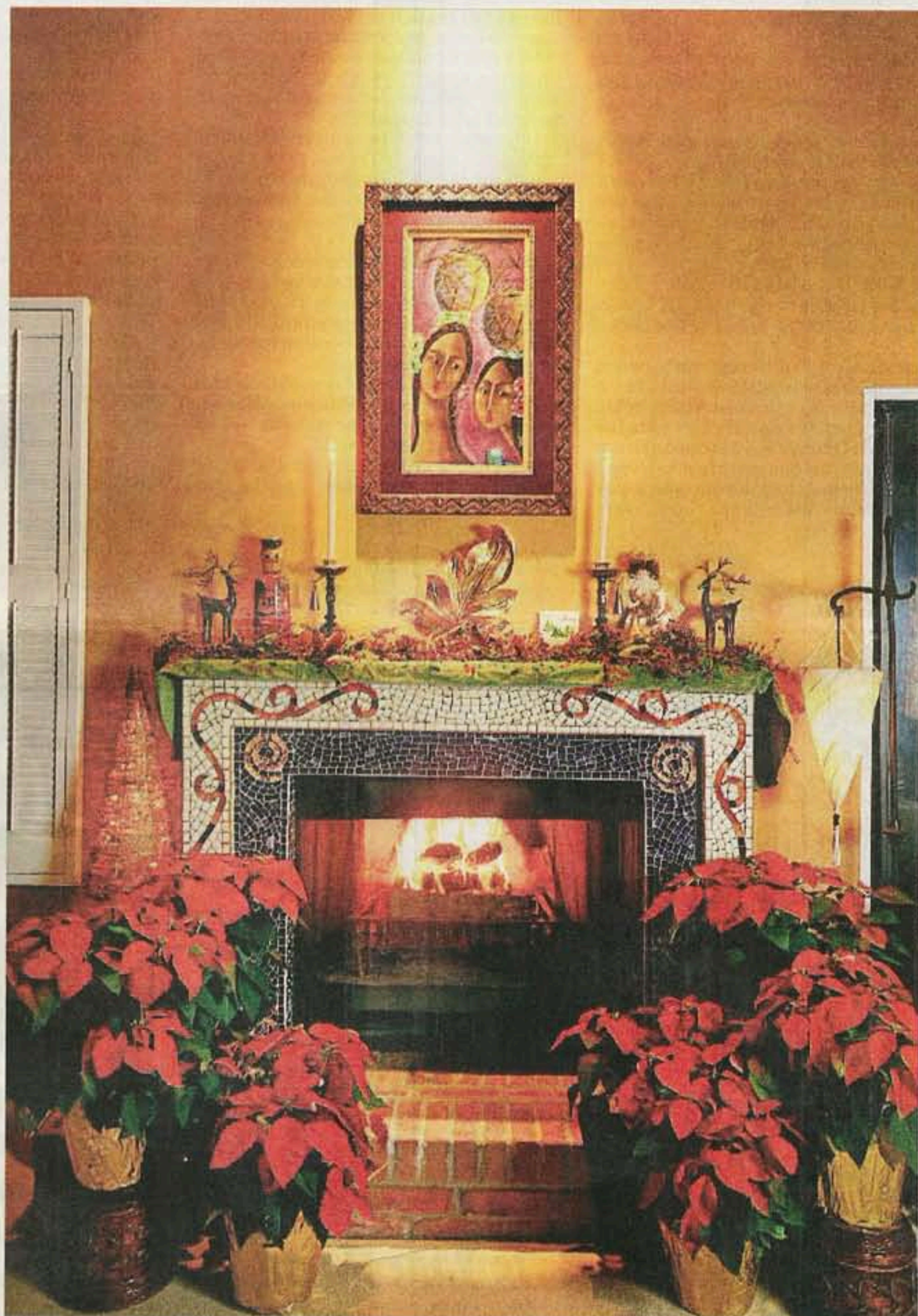
If you want the look without the effort, we've got the solution. We asked four decorating professionals, above, to come up with their versions of fuss-free decorating ideas for Christmas and Kwanzaa.



Photo/Rhonda Vanover; styling/Martin Amado

Martin Amado's fuss-free plan

Amado is never at a loss for ideas. He submitted several, but the simplest is his idea to make the chandelier above your dining table a focal point. He wrapped a simple berry garland around the base of the arms of the light fixture. (He says you can also give the lamp a festive feel by changing the lampshades to holiday green.) In the background, he attached a pre-lit garland to existing scarf holders, but he says you can also attach tassels or ribbons to the garland and hook them onto a small finish nail on the wall. If you want to dress up the garland, add ribbons, pine cones, ornaments or floral picks.



Photo/Ben Rusnak; styling/Ben Rusnak, Charlyne Varkonyi Schaub

Vern Yip's fuss-free plan

Don't want to bother with a tree? Make a field of poinsettias your focal point. To create a big statement, purchase them in the same color — all red or all white. Group the plants in front of a fireplace (as we did here) or place them on and around a table in your foyer. Decorate the top of your fireplace with garland interspersed with candles and a few of your favorite ornaments.

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