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APPEALING TOUCHES

for the winter home

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Winter is just around the corner – it's time to cosy up and ready your nest! Winter is the season when our focus turns indoors and we yearn for comfort. We break out the warm, comfy sweaters and start cooking soups and stews to warm our palates. Our homes deserve some added touches, too.

- Every home needs that one piece of “breathtaking” art. The original piece you had to have and probably paid too much for . . . but you *love* it, and it is so worth it. If you still don't have that perfect piece, winter is a great time to start the search. A favourite gallery of ours is Bau-Xi Gallery on South Granville. They are having an exhibit of Tracey Tarling's work from Nov. 7 to 19.



Painting by Tracey Tarling.

- A luxurious throw will add an extra element of warmth both physically and visually. It might be that splash of colour that livens up your space on a rainy Vancouver day. 18 Karat has great Baby Alpaca throws to wrap yourself up in front of the fire.

Interior designer Kari Henshaw, principal of Insight Design Group, describes ways that homeowners can work towards putting a professional-looking designer stamp on the interior of their home.

- Change the accessories around your house for the season. New covers for your toss pillows in a knitted or textured fabric will make your sofa look extra inviting. There are some lovely cable-knit ones at Pottery Barn on South Granville.



Pottery Barn cable knit throw.



Baby alpaca throws.

- Candles bring a warm glow to any space and are a must-have during the cold winter months. We love *Voluspa* candles as they smell heavenly and last forever.



Assortment of Voluspa candles available at the Cross Décor and Design.

- A final must is a winter project. If you don't have any great photos from this summer waiting to be framed, then why not have some family photos taken, or snapshots of friends. Blown-up black and white photography creates perfect art. The more personal the photos, the more welcoming your home will feel!

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