



Winter WONDER

A refined neutral palette, aglow with simple adornments, invites peaceful holiday splendor into the heart of this Alabama home.

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WHITE AS SNOW On Christmas morning, this gracious space becomes the cozy gathering grounds for Deanne and Tyler Vail and their four boys. As the family exchanges long-awaited gifts, the hum of festive carols mingles with laughter, and the sweet smell of homemade cinnamon rolls fills the air. In preparation for this joyous occasion, the Vails chose a nontraditional holiday décor scheme that simply continued the ambience of the polished room (a collaboration with Birmingham designer Julie Terrell), which is cloaked year-round in shades of white. A grand tree provides the season's focal point, embellished with sparkling ornaments in gold, silver, and ivory that shimmer against abundant strands of light. Fresh blooms bring cheer, and the limestone mantel is dressed up with snow-dusted evergreen garland, mixed with green apples and snowflake ornaments, and then topped with bright white tree figurines. A flickering fire comforts the family that sits before it, while this special time together warms spirits within.

