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## ALL SET FOR CHRISTMAS

DESIGNERS DECORATE THEIR TABLES  
RITA KONIG'S DOS AND DON'TS  
SKYE GYNGELL'S CELEBRATORY MENU

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# PAOLO MOSCHINO and PHILIP VERGEYLEN

*The interior designers and directors of Nicholas Haslam delight in red, silver and green*

'Christmas is a special time of year and we always like to spend it at home in West Sussex surrounded by family and friends,' says Paolo Moschino. 'We are absolutely not minimalists – the more the merrier. A good balance between opulence, tradition and warmth is key.'

## PERFECT TRIO

'Our table is always red, green and silver. Each Christmas we wash and starch the same French linen tablecloth, which we bought years ago from Guinevere Antiques. It is an important tradition. The mushroom plates are by Alberto Pinto and were a present from last year. All the silver is by Buccellati and every year, if we're lucky, we try to add a piece or two to the collection.'



## FESTIVE FOLIAGE

'Never limit decorations to just the table. Our house is filled with amaryllis and we cover the chandelier with greenery from the garden and top it up with pretty bits and pieces from New Covent Garden Flower Market. If you can face waking up early enough to get there in good time, then Geoff at Quality Plants is the man to go to for this kind of thing.' [nicholashaslam.com](http://nicholashaslam.com) ▷

Paolo Moschino  
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