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5 Tips For Easter Decorating

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Easter egg decorating draws on traditions from around the world. Here are five simple ways to be inspired by traditional Easter egg decorating and bring Easter into your home.

1. Blown Eggs

Blown eggs are uncooked eggs with the yolk and egg white removed. They can be painted and decorated and then used as a table centerpiece, attached to string and hung an Easter egg tree, placed in cartons or baskets as a decoration, or used in an Easter egg hunt.

To make blown eggs, carefully poke a hole in the top and bottom of an egg with a needle. Place a skewer through one of the holes to break up the yolk. Remove the skewer and blow through one of the holes to expel the contents. Wash, dry and then decorate.

2. Metallic Foiled Eggs

For a new twist on the classic dip-dyed Easter

egg, try your hand at gold, copper or silver leaf embellishment. Transfer the leaf to the eggs using an adhesive spray and small paint brush for a textured effect. Brightly colored eggs brushed in the metallic leaf will give your Easter table a sophisticated centerpiece.

For the foiled eggs you will need the following:

- Dyed, blown eggs
- Transfer adhesive or glue
- Brushes
- Gold or other metallic leaf



3. Chalkboard Easter Eggs and Basket

Why not paint eggs and baskets with chalkboard paint to create unique Easter decorations. The blank slate can be used for personalized chalk messages or to decorate with glitter or Easter motifs.

Chalkboard paint comes in a variety of colors aside

from black and can be a fun way for adults and kids to get creative this Easter. This is sure to give you some unique Easter decorations for your home.

4. Egg Tablecloth Weights

Egg tablecloth weights are easy to make and add a subtle, decorative touch to any Easter table. You can choose hardboiled or plastic eggs, which are filled with treats and tied around the egg and secured to the table cloth through a small hole in each corner of the cloth.

For this easy-to-make decoration, you'll need:

- Plastic Easter eggs
- Small lollipops or chocolates
- Decorative ribbon ties



- Sturdy fake or real branches
- A vase or small to medium bucket
- Floral foam to secure the branches
- Decorated blown eggs
- Ribbon

5. Easter Egg Tree

The place to show off your Easter egg creations is the Easter tree. A German tradition, the Easter tree is a tree or bush decorated with colorful Easter eggs and garlands. If you don't want something that elaborate, you can make yours a festive table centerpiece or a decorative addition to the family room. Your Easter tree decoration can also be a place for the Easter Bunny to leave chocolate eggs.

To make your own Easter tree you'll need a few items such as:

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Coronavirus – COVID-19

Ag Export assessments due to outbreak

- “The virus’s spread is upending supply chains and cutting food demand in China, delaying billions of dollars in American sales of everything from pork to soybeans.
- U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue on Wednesday predicted China will come into the U.S. market for soybeans in late spring and summer
- “In data that may help allay fears of demand destruction caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported export sales of upland cotton jumped to about 396,000 bales in the week ended Feb. 27. That’s up 84% from a week earlier.

Third Market Facilitation Payment? DC Sentiment Brewing

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- With questions growing about China’s commitment to buy U.S. agriculture commodities as that country deals with the coronavirus outbreak, the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday urged the Trump administration to consider approving a third round of Market Facilitation Program payments.
- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue told the committee during a hearing on the state of the agriculture economy that President Donald Trump’s tweet last week indicating another possible round of MFP was his way of letting farmers and ranchers know he’s willing to act if needed.
- Sen. Conaway told Perdue a third round of MFP payments may be necessary as producers across the

country wait to see a payoff from a reopening of markets to China in 2020.

- Committee Chairman Rep. Colin Peterson, D-Minn., said he remains skeptical about how soon markets to China can reopen.



- The markets continue to implode on any couple mentions of the coronavirus. Certainly, there is an economic ramification to travel, energy, and general sluggishness are concerns.
- The commodity guys were short going into this and just stayed there as the market sold off. No real reason to move from that position other than China making good on the Phase 1 agreement-which definitely isn't happening yet.
- We might have a shot at getting some more old crop sales off and we have to be ready. That said, we were looking for a weekly close over 385 on corn or 900 on beans
- One move to make is to look at your fuel and propane needs here-multiyear lows are always a great place to get started.



WHIP+ (Again)

- Secretary Sonny Perdue announced today changes to the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+). Additional disaster assistance available to agricultural producers, including producers impacted by drought and excess moisture as well as sugar beet growers. Through WHIP+, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is helping producers recover from losses related to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.
- These changes include the addition of drought and excessive moisture in 2018 and 2019 as eligible causes of loss and how FSA will be working on gathering input for quality losses.
- USDA Opens Signup March 23 for Added Causes of Loss Under WHIP+ and Announces Disaster Assistance for Sugar Beet Producers Sign up March 23, 2020, for Producers Impacted by Drought or Excess Moisture as well as Announces Provisions for Sugar Beet Producers

Important Dates !!!!!

North Dakota Important Dates:

- **April 1, 2020:** Sales Closing Date for Revenue Select and Yield Select – unless State/Company Capacity has been fulfilled.
- **June 1, 2020:** Sales Closing Date for updates and/or cancellations to Advantage Hail fall-seeded policies.
- **June 15, 2020:** Sales Closing Date for updates and/or cancellations to Advantage Hail spring-seeded policies.
- **June 30, 2020:** Sales Closing Date for Wind+ (including EHE option) endorsements spring-seeded policies.

Top Trends in Motorcycle Technology

Article provided by *Foremost*.



High-tech companies all over the globe are releasing new technology every year. This market growth is notable and doesn't seem likely to stop anytime soon. Along with digital advancements, engineers have been hard at work to increase the safety and efficiency of modern-day transportation.

In turn, motorcycles today are safer than ever before. New mechanics along with an increased understanding of classic construction have created awesome products that can benefit all bikers. Check out these advancements in the world of motorcycle technology to see how riding is evolving today!

Ride-by-Wire Technology

In traditional bikes, the engine's power is directly controlled by the accelerator. A cable connection between the accelerator and the butterfly valve – an opening in the engine that manipulates air influx – manipulates the fuel/air mixture, ultimately controlling the level of the power output.

In 2006, motorcycle technology companies made an effort to decrease fuel emissions. The new ride-by-wire technology got rid of the cable between the accelerator and the throttle. Instead, the electronic throttle senses the movement of the accelerator through wires, sending a signal to the butterfly valve. Fuel sensors receive information from the throttle and current speed to calculate the exact amount of fuel needed to create the right amount of power.

This new system benefits the rider and the environment. With the exact amount of fuel being used every time, there is never a waste of gas so fuel emissions decrease over time. The new technology strategically speeds up and releases the throttle for a smooth acceleration and more control over the engine. It also helps to prevent stalling and human error. The technology was originally made for racing bikes with larger, more powerful engines. Now the environmentally-friendly technology is implemented into smaller engines, too. The new system also opens doors for features such as cruise control, traction control and varied terrain modes.

Adaptive Headlights

This product is focused on efficiency and rider safety. A bike leans into the turn as it rounds the corner. Naturally, the headlight no longer illuminates the right lane; it shines directly into the left lane and beyond.

Engineers have structured a dynamic headlight with technology controlled by the tilt of the bike. The adaptive headlights will sense the degree of tilt as the bike takes a turn, increasing the tilt of the light to match and illuminate the right lane. These headlights increase nighttime visibility, undoubtedly

making the roads safer and decreasing the likelihood for nighttime accidents.

Smart Helmets

Motorcycles seem to have less features than cars because they don't have the room for additional technology. In Silicon Valley, engineers are solving this problem with the creation of smart helmets. These gadgets have the same safety functions of a regular helmet, but come equipped with voice control, GPS, music and Bluetooth. You can skip through your music and call your family all while you are riding your bike.

That's not to mention the safety capabilities these helmets have. Some prototypes include rear view cameras to keep riders aware of their surroundings at all times. Other features display road information such as speed limits and alternate route options. Motorcycles require two hands. This hands free solution keeps riders connected, yet focused, all at the same time. Current models range from 100 – 200 dollars. Check them out!

Crash Apps for Your Smart Phone

Riding alone can be peaceful, but it is also a risk. Motorcycle crash apps for your smart phone can give riders peace of mind on their long, solo journeys. If the bike (and phone) comes to a sudden, crashing stop, the app sends GPS and medical information to emergency services or your emergency contacts. This ensures help will be on the way, even if you're not able to call for help yourself. CrashLight®, BikerSOS, and REALRIDER® are just a few options to choose from. Any rider that travels alone should have an emergency app on their phone. You never know when you might need it.

With the help of technology, engineers have manufactured headlights that can expand a rider's line of sight along with green technology that will save fuel. Long journeys are now made easier with automatic emergency contact services and all the digital tools you need are right in your helmet. With all these advancements making riding feel safer and environmentally conscious, is it possible the world may see another golden age for motorcycles?