Chances are you'll be seeing lots of rustic holiday décor in homes in Nampa.id this winter. Farmhouse and cottage styles are popular because they convey a warm sense of nostalgia reminiscent of country Christmases and happy times.

To help you bring some of that warmth to your new home, we offer these holiday decorating tips:

- Use natural materials such as unpainted wood, basketry, and real greenery. Avoid large amounts of shiny plastic or metal. Good fabrics for a rustic look are burlap, gingham and vintage feed sack prints. Accent with needlepoint pillows, cross stitch Christmas stockings and crocheted or knitted afghans.
- Decorate your mantel or dining table with miniature pine trees planted in crocks, metal pails or tins. Or you can wrap a plastic pot in burlap and tie with twine or a fabric ribbon.
- Hang simple greenery swags tied with gingham bows.
- Wrap gifts in pretty fabric or hand-decorated paper. Complete the look with fabric ribbons and bows accented with sprigs of berries or greenery.
- Tuck a few antique toys under the tree to create a nostalgic vibe. This is a good way to make use of family heirlooms and yard sale finds.
- Make and display a gingerbread house.

Decorating a brand new home for the holidays is one of life's greatest pleasures. At Brighton Homes, we work hard to make sure your home is well-designed and well-built to provide a lifetime of enjoyment.

When you build a new home in our Arbor community in Nampa ID, you'll have more than just your home to enjoy. Located in one of the most popular areas in the Treasure Valley, Arbor will have a swimming pool, clubhouse, walking paths, green spaces and more. Desert Springs Elementary and Sage Middle School are adjacent to the community. Shopping, dining and healthcare resources are close by.

We offer more than a dozen home designs at Arbor. Our designs are based on open-concept floor plans with urban and modern farmhouse flair. Each plan can be customized to fulfill your dream of the ideal home.