

# ROUTE 422 HOLIDAY GIFTS AND SERVICES GUIDE

## Holiday Makeup Tips: From Work to Evening Events



**By Debbie Werner, Owner, Reflections Hair Designs**

The holidays are approaching and that means after work mixers, parties and events to celebrate the season. You always want to look your best for these activities, and you have a minimal amount of time. Here are a few suggestions:

Plan ahead and know what is on your schedule for the week. Be prepared by having a "to go" bag ready and with you to be able to make the necessary changes.

In the "to go" bag, should be a makeup touch up kit that includes a lipstick, blush or bronzer, eyeliner and shadow to do a quick five minute refresh and enhance. Reapply a blush or bronzer to create more of a glow. Day makeup on this area of the face tends to disappear during the day, due to phones and hands resting on the cheek. Use a deeper, brighter lipstick. Be daring and go red for the holidays.

Include a quad eyeshadow palette that has a shimmering highlighter to place under

the brow and the corner of the eye, and a color deeper than your day shadow to be placed at the outer corner of the eye. This will create a subtle smoky look. Reapply your liner and smudge with a brush.

Next have a plan for your hair. To make it more festive, sweep to one side with a decorative clip or barrette or twist it up with a clip and fan out the top pieces and leave some hair loose around your face. Ponytails have gone from casual to elegant.

Keep your day attire simple so that you can easily add a beautiful silk scarf or statement jewelry. Change out a jacket or sweater with one that is a richer fabric.

And don't forget the earrings. My choice is always a larger statement pair and for those who prefer something smaller, go with a gemstone or gold hoops.

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Ms. Wurtz will be the main choreographer but she will be getting assistance from long term instructor Ms. Diane Alex-Brody and recent Eastern University graduate Megan Schultz. Ms. Schultz is an alumnus of Pottstown Dance Theatre and then majored in Dance at Eastern U. She will be performing as the Snow Queen and designing brand new choreography for various pieces throughout the performance. Lizzie Rasmussen and Ashley Reicher will be performing the coveted "Clara" roles as well as "The Sugar Plum Fairy". They have been Intensive students at the Theatre for



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Your foyer/entry way sets the stage for visitors to your space. It is where a great first impression can be made. So why not consider dressing up your front door with a beautiful holiday wreath? From natural evergreen to beautiful dried flowers mixed with silk greenery, a wreath is a great way to set the stage for your holiday décor and

create an inviting welcome to guests. A well-lit entry is also a must. To achieve this, use a mirror to brighten these areas. A well selected area rug will also help add a much needed touch of warmth.

As guests or friends settle into your space, they will most likely gravitate toward your living or family room. The centerpiece of either room is typically a brightly bedazzled holiday tree. If your room features a fireplace, most likely you have the added feature of a mantle as another focal point. Candles, pine cones, garlands and holiday stockings all add the right festive touch to your fireplace mantle.

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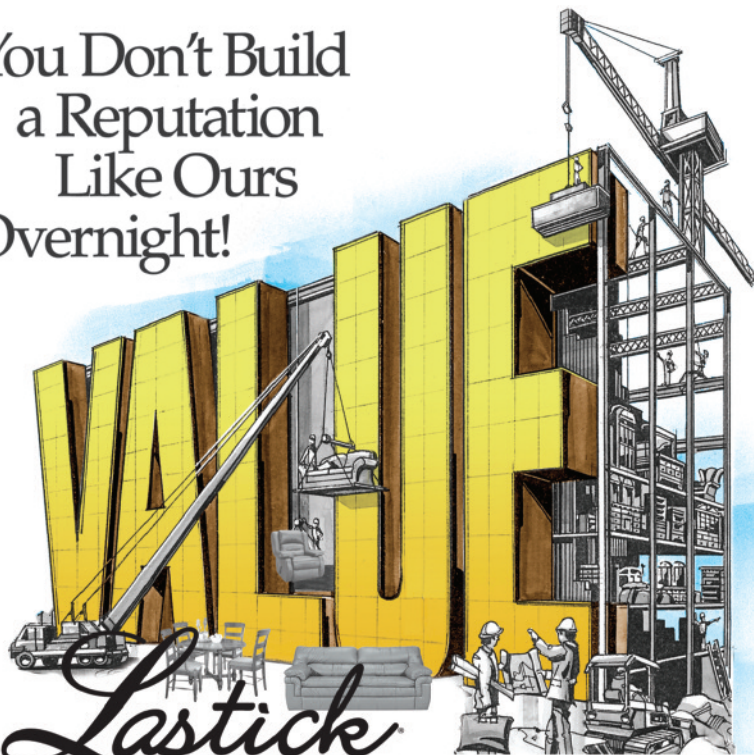
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If you have house guests, think of other ways to make their visit with you extra special. Beautify the guest room with just a touch of Holiday magic. Create that special welcoming touch using holiday-inspired accent pillows on the bed, or drape a holiday throw over a chair.

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