

## Decorate for Canada Day with tips from Jane Lockhart

We met with Jane Lockhart, furniture designer of Jane by Jane Lockhart and host of the W Network's *Colour Confidential*, to find out how you can bring the Canada Day spirit into your home—without painting the walls red and white.

**Cottage Life:** Not every room can handle an infusion of red and white for Canada Day. How would you bring Canada's colours into a room with a pallet that doesn't work with red?

**Jane Lockhart:** Red is considered a neutral, so it tends to work with almost anything. If you really don't want to commit a lot of time or money to the colour red, add flowers instead. There are lots of red flowers in season right now that can easily be combined with white for a Canada-themed arrangement.

**CL:** Aside from the maple leaf, what Canadian icons would you add as a decor piece?

**JL:** I think that anything natural—like birch bark or evergreens—add a great feel to any space and definitely speak to all parts of Canada. For the outdoors, try adding patio lanterns and—dare I say it—a cold beer. They're nice Canadian symbols as well, eh!!

Add celebratory touches to the dining table using things such as Canadian flags, pine cones, and red and white napkins with maple leaf rings. Even sparklers displayed in mini metal buckets with sand adds a unique decorative touch to the dining space.



Get this quintessentially Canadian look with a simple paint job on your Muskoka chairs

**CL:** What are some good DIY projects our readers can try for Canada Day?

**JL:** Take the classic [Muskoka chair](#) or picnic table and paint it red, or a combination of red and white.

**CL:** What are some outdoor decor ideas that would be ideal for cottagers?

**JL:** At the cottage, decorate your dock by painting planters red, then plant greenery in them that can be wrapped with mini white lights. This will give you a lovely look both during the day and in the evening.



Add wood elements to a room for a rustic, Canadian feel

For the kids, have them paint small rocks in red or white, then arrange them in the garden to add a unique touch to the landscaping around your cottage.

**CL:** Is there a certain furniture style that is distinctly Canadian?

**JL:** While anything made of wood is quintessentially Canadian, the truth is that Canadians make excellent furniture, whether it's wood dining tables or upholstered sofas. I recently launched my own completely Canadian furniture line, Jane by Jane Lockhart. We are a country with lots of incredibly well-educated designers who can make anything to fit any style, but a little knotty pine never hurt anyone!

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