

# BEAUTIFUL LITTLE



Celebrate St. Paddy's Day for pennies with these ingenious chic twists on Emerald Isle style

## 1 Sweet Gifts Win Hearts

Fresh green apples plucked from the produce aisle are transformed into perfect St. Paddy's tabletop accents (or cute favors for guests), thanks to ribbon and a floral sprig. To do: Knot a 15" length of grosgrain ribbon around the fruit, then slip in a flower cut to 2 inches.



## 2 Coiled Cups Spark Joy

All it takes is a swirl of vibrant emerald ribbon to turn everyday votives into lively holiday lights. To do: Simply wrap the outside of a candle-filled glass with thin satin ribbon, then secure the ends with a dot of hot glue.



## 3 Add Pizzazz with Festive Sashes

Dinner seasonings go from ordinary to adorable when they're dressed in mini tailored "tuxedos" — this quick costume change allows the shakers to double as charming accents. To do: Use double-stick tape to neatly adhere a band of 1½"-wide green satin ribbon around each shaker. Then attach a trio of pearl sticker "buttons" (from the craft store) along the seam on each shaker.

# LUCKY KISSES



## 5 Display a Festive Focal Point in a Flash

A handful of supermarket flowers and a couple of candles set afloat in a tabletop “pond” creates a dazzling (and dollar-wise!) centerpiece. To do: Cut about six or seven green-hued flowers (like kermis mums, shown) to 2 inches and place them in a small bowl filled halfway with water. Add two floating candles.

## 4 Charm them with Floral “Cocktails”

Setting stems inside green goblets is a fabulous way to showcase white blossoms. To do: Snip a full-size rose, carnation or handful of mini blooms to 3 inches, then place in a water-filled glass. And there’s no need to buy green goblets — you can give clear glasses a green tint by adding food coloring to the water.

**“Green and white is an instantly sophisticated color combo. They look gorgeous together!”**

HGTV STAR DAVID BROMSTAD



## 6 Spirited Surprise!

A bottle of wine, whiskey or Irish Cream becomes a wow-worthy hostess gift when the neck of the bottle is trimmed with a festive plaid ribbon and a floral flourish. To do: Cut a length of 1½”-wide taffeta plaid ribbon to 24 inches. Next, tie the ribbon around the neck of the bottle and tuck in a green floral sprig (like hydrangea, shown here). To keep the flower from slipping out of the ribbon, simply wind a small rubber band around the base of the stem for added traction.