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 NEW LOOKS FOR THE DINING ROOM**

Easy DIY: Garlands, Stars & Baubles

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In the evenings, the soaring ceiling of the stately Palm Court is bathed in jewel-toned lights.



A geometric screen and iridescent wallpaper lend a touch of 1960s-era whimsy to guest rooms.

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

Classic design meets cutting-edge cool at the refurbished Ritz-Carlton Montreal.

When I heard that the venerable Ritz-Carlton hotel on Rue Sherbrooke (Montreal's Golden Mile) had recently undergone a four-year, \$200 million renovation, I was eager to experience the results firsthand. So with fond memories of the Ritz in Paris, I booked a weekend at this grande dame of landmarks. Its 98 guest rooms and 31 suites have been completely redone by Buz Design to reflect a fun and unexpected mix of trad elements — soaring ceilings, handsome writing desks, wood valet stands,

velvet bergere chairs — with smartly intelligent mod cons, like motion-activated lighting and memory-controlled temperature settings. Head down to the lobby, however, and you'll feel like you've stepped back in time to the early 1900s: a sweeping staircase, neoclassical plasterwork and newly burnished brass accents welcome today's carriage trade. Dinner at Maison Boulud, Daniel Boulud's tony on-site restaurant, is a must; if the weather is amenable, ask for a seat facing the garden. *Bedrooms start at \$425/night.*



NOW & THEN

ALL DRESSED UP

Ikea's Malm dresser has been a designer go-to since it launched in 2002. Ten years later, a limited-edition mirror finish gives it a glam new look.



2009

Designers Cameron MacNeil and Montana Burnett lined up three Malm dressers in a natural wood veneer to create a long storage credenza in a tailored Toronto condo.



2010

2010: Stylist Jenn Cranston chose the white Malm dresser to furnish a bedroom in her breezy, tropical beach-inspired cottage on Lake Simcoe.



2012

Ikea launches the three-drawer version with a mirror finish for one year only. The dresser has also been updated with better gliders and soft-closing drawers. \$299 (from \$99 for other finishes).