

**decorate**

[ˈdekəreɪt] *v*

1. 1) украшать, убирать; декорировать  
to decorate a Christmas tree - наряжать ёлку  
to decorate a room with flowers - украсить комнату цветами
- 2) украшать собой, служить украшением  
the old picture that decorates the room - старинное полотно, которое украшает комнату
2. красить, оклеивать обоями, отделывать (*комнату*)
3. украшать, расцвечивать  
to decorate a tale with fictions - приукрасить рассказ выдумками
4. награждать знаками отличия *или* орденами  
to decorate smb. with an order - наградить кого-л. орденом  
to decorate the soldier with a medal for war services - наградить солдата за боевые заслуги медалью

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**dec-or-ate** [decorate decorates decorated decorating] *BrE* ['dekəreɪt] <sup>14</sup>  
*NAmE* ['dekəreɪt] <sup>14</sup> **verb**



1. **transitive ~ sth (with sth)** to make sth look more attractive by putting things on it
  - They decorated the room with flowers and balloons.
  - The cake was decorated to look like a car.
2. **intransitive, transitive (especially BrE)** to put paint, ↑wallpaper, etc. on the walls and ceilings of a room or house
  - I hate decorating.
  - He has his own painting and decorating business.
  - ~ **sth** We need to decorate the sitting room.
  - The sitting room needs decorating.
3. **transitive ~ sth** to be placed on sth in order to make it look more attractive  
**Syn:** ↑adorn
  - Photographs of actors decorated the walls of the restaurant.
4. **transitive, usually passive ~ sb (for sth)** to give sb a ↑medal as a sign of respect for sth they have done
  - She was decorated for her efforts during the war.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	decorate
	<i>BrE</i> / 'dekəreɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'dekəreɪt/
he / she /it	decorates
	<i>BrE</i> / 'dekəreɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'dekəreɪts/
past simple, past participle	decorated
	<i>BrE</i> / 'dekəreɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'dekəreɪtɪd/
-ing form	decorating
	<i>BrE</i> / 'dekəreɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / 'dekəreɪtɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'to grace or honour'): from Latin **decoratus** 'embellished' (past participle of **decorare**), from **decus**, **decor-** 'beauty, honour, or embellishment' .

**Thesaurus:**

**decorate** *verb* **T**

- The cake was decorated with chocolate buttons.
- garnish** • **edge** • **trim** • **hang** • **deck** • **illustrate** • |**formal adorn** • • **ornament** • |**literary festoon** •  
decorate/garnish/edge/trim/hang/deck/illustrate/adorn/ornament/festoon sth **with** sth  
decorate/deck/festoon sth **in** sth  
**richly** decorated/adorned/ornamented

**Collocations:**

**Decorating and home improvement**

*Houses*

- refurbish/renovate / (*BrE*) do up a building/a house
- convert a building/house/room into homes/offices/(*especially NAmE*) apartments/(*BrE*) flats

extend/enlarge a house/building/room/kitchen  
 build (BrE) an extension (to the back/rear of a house)/(NAmE) an addition (on/to sth)/(BrE) a conservatory  
 knock down/demolish a house/home/building/wall  
 knock out/through the wall separating two rooms

Decoration

furnish/paint/ (especially BrE) decorate a home/house/apartment/flat/room  
 be decorated in bright colours/(especially US) colors/in a traditional style/with flowers/with paintings  
 paint/plaster the walls/ceiling  
 hang/put up/strip off/remove the wallpaper  
 install/replace/remove the bathroom fixtures/(BrE) fittings  
 build/put up shelves  
 lay wooden flooring/timber decking/floor tiles/a carpet/a patio  
 put up/hang/take down a picture/painting/poster/curtain

DIY/home improvement

do (BrE) DIY/carpentry/the plumbing/the wiring  
 make home improvements  
 add/install central heating/underfloor heating/insulation  
 fit/install double-glazing/a smoke alarm  
 insulate your house/your home/the walls/the pipes/the tanks/(especially BrE) the loft  
 fix/repair a roof/a leak/a pipe/the plumbing/a leaking (especially BrE) tap/(NAmE usually) faucet  
 block/clog (up)/unblock/unclog a pipe/sink  
 make/drill/fill a hole  
 hammer (in)/pull out/remove a nail  
 tighten/untighten/loosen/remove a screw  
 saw/cut/treat/stain/varnish/paint wood

Example Bank:

- He was decorated for bravery.
- The bedrooms are tastefully decorated.
- The room is decorated in pale blues and greens.
- The room was lavishly decorated with tinsel and holly.
- the most highly decorated unit in the British Army

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[Word Family: noun: ↑decor, ↑decoration, ↑decorator; verb: ↑decorate; adverb: ↑decoratively; adjective: ↑decorative]  
 [Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: decoratus, past participle of decorare 'to decorate', from decus 'honour, decoration']

1. [intransitive and transitive] British English to paint the inside of a room, put special paper on the walls etc:

- " The bathroom is decorated in green and yellow.
- " We plan to spend the weekend decorating.

2. Christmas tree



[transitive] to make something look more attractive by putting something pretty on it:

- " Children's pictures decorated the walls of the classroom.

decorate something with something

- " an old-fashioned dress decorated with ribbons and lace

3. [transitive] to give someone a ↑medal as an official sign of honour

decorate somebody for something

- " soldiers decorated for bravery

—decorating noun [uncountable]

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