

### Chapter 1 : Thursday Tips: Creating a SenseSational Home Part 4

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We can all make a room look lovely. In my experience, how a house feels to those who enter, is what makes it a Home, not just a well decorated House. Sight, Smell, Touch, Hearing and Taste. Below you will find a list of things that I like to have in my home for my guest to experience a peaceful and welcoming home. Generally speaking, a well appointed, tidy home is pleasing to most. This is where de-cluttering is key! If it is night time, or the winter months a nice roaring fire is always an inviting sight. Candles will be pleasing to the eye, and to the nose if they have a delicate scent. She is actually having a give away on these beautiful fragrances for the home by Charlotte Moss. I saw this darling idea on pinterest and this is something that anyone can do Again, a very simple idea and easy to do. You could even do this last minute if you had to. One of my favorite scents is Amber. I like to purchase it from Cote Bastide. VIA Fresh flowers that have lovely scents are pleasing to the eye, and the nose. Paper whites, roses, lilacs just to name a few. Fresh flowers are always seen in my home, whether it is a single rose in a bud vase or a large bouquet on my table or counter in the kitchen. Flowers are just a requirement! Keep in mind that a bowl of fresh lemons has the most refreshing scent or a wooden bowl full of fresh apples. It does not have to be fancy to be nice for the senses. One big mistake a lot of homeowner do is to overly scent there home, make sure it is subtle. Try to stay away from the large bags of potpourri that are artificial smelling and over powering. A nice fur pillow or throw is always a fun thing to wrap up in. A very small bubbler can make a very soothing sound when the water hits the rocks. This little guy is on my back patio. As you walk up to my front door you will be greeted by this happy dancing water. Not a big fountain, but it still is pleasing to the senses. Soft music playing in the background can help make a home have a wonderful atmosphere. If you ever visit my home you will always hear soft music playing in the background.

### Chapter 2 : Progress Is Progress, No Matter How Small

*Creating a SenseSational Home About a month before Mr. U and I married in , I had the opportunity to attend a seminar with Christian author and interior designer Terry Willits. She gave many ideas for little touches here and there that you could make around your home to make it more "SenseSational".*

April 27, Creating a SenseSational Home: Come back next week for Part 6. Click here for past posts on this wonderful topic. We are attracted to scent. On the other hand, we can also be repelled by scent. Burnt popcorn, wet dogs, musty furniture. I have walked into many stores and immediately been repelled by the scent that greeted me. I have also walked in and been in heaven because it smelled so wonderful. How can we create a SenseSational Home through Fragrance? Invest in candles, scented oils, potpourri, room-fresheners, etc. Consider using floral or fruity scents during warm seasons, and spicy or woody scents during the cooler months. Keep on hand lamp rings for a quick infusion of fragrance into any room. Use neutralizing sprays and unscented candles to get rid of unsightly smells, especially in the kitchen FYI: Vanilla reduces stress, lemon wakes you up, peppermint enhances your concentration. Pine and cedar soothe you, rose and myrrh make you feel romantic. Lavender and Chamomile make you sleepy. Research shows that some scents can sweeten sour dispositions and even reduce aggression Fresh herbs are also a great way to add fragrance to your home and very easy to grow. Miniature lemon trees can also be grown indoors. Some Other Things to Consider: Not everyone will enjoy the same fragrances you enjoy. I know that personally I do not like rose, lavender or many floral scents. I love them outside or from the actual flower, but not candles or room spray. I will at times think about my company and light a "neutral" type candle fragrance. I also take into consideration some who I know are actually allergic to certain candle scents go figure. If you are lighting candles at the dinner table, make sure they are unscented. Be careful how many candles you light of various scents, they can mix and either smell "weird" or be overpowering.. If you live on property like I do , close the windows when you are burning on your burn pile.. Place a small saucepan on the back burner with some water. Add orange and apple slices, some cinnamon sticks and cloves. Simmer for a wonderful smell. What is your favorite way to bring amazing fragrances into your home?

## Chapter 3 : Creating a Christian Home - Beliefnet

*Helping you, think through logically, each room of your home and all your senses, that make home, feel like home. I have used this book as part of my homeschool curriculum, for Home economics for my girls, high school level class.*

Come back next week for part 5. Creating a home that appeals to the five senses really is not that hard. It just takes a bit of creativity and willingness to make some simple changes. I know that there are areas that I can change in my home. Sound is such a key to peace in our homes and to whether or not people enjoy being there. On average there is always noise in my home. In times when everyone is gone but me, I tend to turn everything off and just enjoy the quiet of my house. What are some ways we create a SenseSational Home through Sound: Keep in mind it will be different for every home, and what each household can handle. Pay attention to the sounds coming from your home. Do they reinforce your goal? Does it sound like a haven? Yelling, arguing, obnoxious, foul music does not sound like a haven. Have some soft or favorite music playing for when your husband comes home from work, your kids from school, or for you when you enter your home after being gone. Make your home a place where "I love you" are words heard all day long. Pay attention to the irritating noises and get them fixed if possible. It could be squeaky doors, leaky faucets, whatever that noise is that makes you cringe. Turn off the TV during eating times, put some music on that encourages you to linger and talk as a family. We are often guilty of eating while watching something, honestly it is all what you make it. We do not ignore one another while eating and watching, we are engaged with each other the whole time. Answer your phone and front door with warmth. This is the first impression people get of the peace that is in your home. Teach children to answer the phone properly. I have gotten many compliments over the years on how polite my girls are when they answer our phone or other peoples phones. When you have company pay attention to noise levels. Do the guests have to raise their voices to be heard? Are little ones banging on piano keys, on toys, making it impossible to converse in normal tones. Again, you and your guests may not mind, but someone might so be aware of that. Some things that I do personally: Either one gets turned off or headphones go on. This would be the same for hearing it too loud upstairs or down. I tell the girls Neither are the things we watch on TV. I love the sound of rain, of frogs, of birds chirping so when possible I open the windows even just for a little bit to let those sounds filter in. I would love to hear what you do? I know Sandy at Reluctant Entertainer often has her children play their instruments for company. How soothing is that! Head over to Coffee with Me and share your tips at Thursday Tips.

## Chapter 4 : Terry Willits (Author of Creating a Sensesational Home)

*Creating a Sensesational Home: Awaken the Sense to Bring Life and Love to Your Home by. Terry Willits Â· Rating details Â· 16 Ratings Â· 1 Review This book will.*

## Chapter 5 : Creating a SenseSational Home: Part 5

*Creating A SenseSational Home shows you how to turn your home into a relaxing, inviting, and refreshing environment. Author Biography: Terry Willits is the author of Creating a SenseSational Home and founder of SenseSational Homes, Inc.*

## Chapter 6 : Making a House a Home: Creating a SenseSational Home

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## Chapter 7 : Good Life of Design: How To Make A Sense-sational Home

*A blog chronicling life as I live it. Recipes, stories, tips, whatever tickles my fancy. Hopefully within the pages you'll find some new ideas, yummy meals and a new friend.*

### Chapter 8 : HEARTLIGHT(sm) Magazine: Just for Women: Restoring the Process of Mothering

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### Chapter 9 : Creating a Loving Atmosphere in Your Home

*However, to make a Home feel a certain way is, in my mind, Great Design. In my experience, how a house feels to those who enter, is what makes it a Home, not just a well decorated House. One of the important things a Home should have in it are things that stimulate the senses: Sight, Smell, Touch, Hearing and Taste.*