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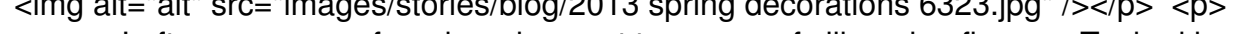
Personally, I think the beginning of the spring season is highly overrated, not because it is usually overcast, because I love overcast winter days, and not because it rains so much, because I love rainy days, but when it comes to walking outside I much prefer traipsing over hard frozen ground rather than sloshing through a muddy mess. Yes, it is true that I jumped in all the puddles with the kids when they were younger, but nevertheless, as far as the weather goes, if I had my >druthers we would go right from winter into late spring. With that said though, let me make it perfectly clear that I would not want to give up all the little perks that brighten those otherwise in-between muddy days, like little stuffed bunnies, ceramic bunnies, buttercup yellow chicks, pastel colored eggs, foil wrapped chocolate eggs, spring colored tulips, and of course, more bunnies.

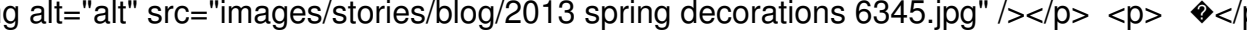
So I usually start the season off thinking, oh, yeah, spring-I have to take down my winter decorations. But then spring cleaning begins to work on my scrubby Dutch background, to create an anticipation of something fresh, which helps, yet it isn't until I begin unwrapping all of our bunnies and chickens and eggs and spring silk flowers that I actually think that this season isn't so bad after all.

As I always make the most of our seasonal decorations, I begin our spring pilgrimage by tucking silk floral picks in amongst the grapevines that hang over our dining room table. Once in place, I suspend colored eggs, glass blown birdhouses, tiny rabbits and chicks from the vines.

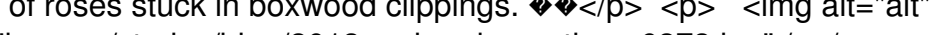


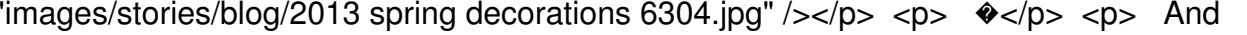







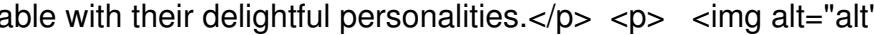
I often prop one of our bunnies next to a vase of silk spring flowers. Tucked in around this arrangement is pink tulle which I poof over the rim to soften the linear look.






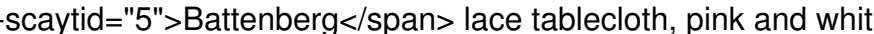
And placed more eggs in crystal baskets filled with colored grass to match our pink and white dishes.






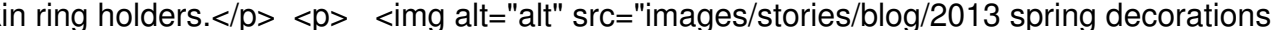


Representative of our three adorable children, these bunnies grace our table with their delightful personalities.





Next we set our table with our >Battenberg lace tablecloth, pink and white flowered china, and spring napkin ring holders.



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