# Decorating Your Bedroom for the Holidays Activity

RESIDENT IDENTIFIED TAKING CARE OF THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS, SPECIFICALLY DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AS A PREFERENCE



## **Supply Check-list**



Assistive devices, as needed:

 Resident's glasses or magnifying glass, hearing aids, walker, or other assistive devices



Wipes



The resident's belongings



**Holiday decorations** 

 For this IPPI it is suggested that you choose a holiday based on the season, resident's preferences and religious background, as well as your interests. The holiday can be anything!



Feeling Faces Emotion Assessment form

## **Activity Introduction**

[APPROACH] Approach the resident from the front, on eye level, and smile.

**IGREET]** Greet the resident using their name.

[INTRODUCE] Introduce yourself using your name, and point to yourself.

**[ASK]** Ask how the resident is doing today.

» Say: "How are you doing today?"

[ASSESS] Complete the 'before' portion of the Emotion Assessment form.

- » Say: "Which face shows how you feel right now?"
- » Do: Present the resident with the Emotion Assessment 'before' Feeling Faces.

**[RESPOND]** Respond to and validate their response.

- » Say: "So glad to hear you're well today." or "I'm sorry you're not feeling well."
- » Do: Address the person's needs, if applicable.

#### **Activity Questions**

#### **Question Suggestions:**

- What do you like about decorating for the holidays?
  - Do you have a favorite holiday to decorate for?
    - Why? What do you like about it?
    - What decorations do you like to put out?
  - How did you decorate your house for the holidays?
- Did you have any decorating traditions for the holidays?

#### **Activity-related Suggestions:**

- Do you like how this looks?
- Does anything remind you of how you used to decorate?

#### **Activity Instructions**

#### [INTRODUCE] Introduce the personal care activity.

- » Say: "I know it's important for you to take care of your personal space and belongings, and that you enjoy decorating. Would you like me to help you decorate your room today?"
- » Do: Show the resident the materials you will be using and explain how they work, if needed.

**[CHOICE]** Ask the resident what holiday decorations they would like to put out.

- » Say: "What decorations would you like to put out? We have [list available options for the chosen holiday]."
- » Do: Point to decorations as you offer them.
- » Variation: If more help is needed, only present 2 options at once, as to not overwhelm the resident. If they are unable to choose, then pick one that aligns with their preferences.

[BEGIN] Begin decorating with the resident.

#### **Activity Instructions continued**

**[ENCOURAGE]** Encourage the resident (remember: engagement over correctness).

- » Say: "Your room looks so festive!" or "You're a great decorator."
  - » Do: Smile and nod, gesture around the room.

[ASK QUESTIONS] See question card for ideas.

**[OFFER]** Offer to assist the resident with the activity, if needed.

- » Say: "I will be right here if you need any help."
- » Do: Observe the resident and if they are struggling, offer to help.
- » Variation: If more help is needed, continue to encourage choice, but help the resident to place items in their room or come up with ideas.

★ If the resident is struggling with the activity, simplify questions and/or engage more with sense (see next page).

## **Using the Senses**

**ISENSE!** Engage the resident by using prompts, such as questions or gestures, relating to the five senses. Encourage the resident to **see**, **touch**, **smell**, **taste**, and **hear** during the activity, for a sensory experience. (Tip: Participate with the resident, you can answer these questions too).

» See: Encourage the resident to look at their belongings and room decor; notice their colors and textures.

"Can you see the different colors of the [items]? Can you describe how they look?"

**» Touch:** Encourage the resident to touch their belongings and room decor; describe the feeling.

"Can you feel the different textures of the litems!? What does it feel like? Can you describe it? Does it remind you of anything"

**» Smell:** If applicable, encourage the resident to smell any scented decor items.

"What does [the item] smell like? Does it smell good?

Does the smell remind you of anything?"

#### Using the Senses continued

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- » Hear: If applicable, encourage the resident to listen to any decor items with sound.
  "What does [the item] sound like? Can you describe it?
  Does the sound remind you of anything?"
- **» Taste:** If applicable, encourage the resident to taste any edible decor items, such as a jar with candies.
  - "What does [the item] taste like? Can you describe it? Does the taste remind you of anything?"

### **Activity Closing**

**[THANK]** Thank the resident for doing the activity with you.

[ASK] Ask for feedback:

» Say: How did you feel about decorating your room for the holidays today?

[ASSESS] Complete the 'after' portion of the Emotion Assessment form

- » Say: "Which face shows how you feel right now?"
- » Do: Present the resident with the Emotion Assessment 'after' Feeling Faces.

**[ASK]** Ask if the resident needs anything before you leave and wipe down materials before storing the supplies.



