

Rooms Recreated

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Brighten Your Home For Spring!!

If winter has seemed especially long, forget the calendar and get out your spring décor even if there's still snow on the ground. By making a few simple changes, you can bring in the charming touch of the warmer months. Since spring is a sign of renewal, our homes should be no different! So here are some quick tips to “warm up” your space.

One of the most effective spring decorating methods is to change out your fabrics. Put away fleece throws and blankets and create throw pillow covers in lighter, brighter colors and patterns. Velvet drapes should be replaced with lighter alternatives such as linen or sheers and corduroy sofas can be easily lightened up with pale-toned slipcovers.

Your dining table deserves a lift as well. Look for table runners and placemats in bright and cheery patterns. Get a fresh bouquet of flowers and tie a color-coordinated ribbon around a glass vase for a dramatic table centerpiece.

As far as accessories are concerned, less is more. Keep a few larger, simpler pieces to declutter the room for a calmer, fresher feel. Bring out your floral china or white ceramics and set up a collection of pitchers or glass.

Add life to a room by bringing in living plants and fresh fruit. Remove dusty, silk flower arrangements and store them away until fall. Pot up some shade annuals from the garden center and use them indoors as houseplants. They are inexpensive and can be coordinated to the color scheme of the room. Three lined up across a kitchen windowsill make a great statement!

If your furniture is centered in front of a fireplace, relocate the focal point to an outdoor view by rearranging the conversation grouping. Fill your firebox with an arrangement of light colored candles to remove its wintry feel.

Bring the look of spring to your front entry by cleaning up the area. Wash the door and windows and touch up the paint if needed. Hang a silk flower wreath on the front door. If you have a large porch, you may also have room for pots of colorful, spring flowers.

And last but not least, cut down on the clutter. It is hard for a space to feel fresh if it feels claustrophobic. And let's face it, most of us are guilty of letting things pile up through the winter months. Look for organizing solutions for your home. A visit to a home store can yield products to contain clutter wherever it exists.

You'll be amazed at how these simple spring decorating tips can instantly change your home and move it away from its wintry look.