



# Seasonal Decorating

## easy & inexpensive tips



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**W**ould you like to redecorate your home every now and again? How about with the change of seasons? Sounds like too much work, time, and expense? It doesn't have to be. You can make seasonal decorating changes depending on your style, budget, storage, and desire of decorating. Some people enjoy a few small changes for the time of year while others love to completely change the room's appearance by repainting, moving furniture, changing window treatments, pillows, area rugs, and accessories.

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One of the most dramatic changes that you can make is to change your wall's color. Without changing your furniture, window treatments, and accessories, your room can have a new look by complimenting them with a new wall color. Generally, your room can be altered to several color options that still coordinate with your existing furnishings. Another wall option is faux paint or wall covering. Faux paint can start with an original color combination. Later, you can alter it by adding another color. Are you concerned with the start and stop of colors? By using the same trim and ceiling paint, this will create a smooth flow from room to room. It is very important to coordinate your colors and style from one room to the next especially in an open floor plan. Every room should have its own character but compliment the home. The main part of your home should have a coordinating color scheme.

There are small changes that you can do to create a big difference. You can do the "accessory shuffle" by rearranging, removing off season accessories, and exchanging finishing touches of crystal, pottery, floral designs, etc depending on the coming season. When your adjoining rooms have coordinating colors, it is easy to move accessories and artwork from room to room.

Moving the furniture can change the look and the use of the room. During the cooler time of year, the fireplace and/or television are more of the focal point. When the warmer season arrives, rearrange your furniture to view the outdoors or gardens better. Another change for your furniture is slipcovers. If you have a cozy heavy textured sofa, you may want to change its appearance by adding a slipcover of lighter color tones or floral pattern for the spring and summer. Pillows can change the appearance of your furniture and add a seasonal theme to your room.

For spring and summer time, you can add lighter/brighter colors and airy, cheerful, or simple patterns depending on your style. Floral patterns, checks, and linen/cotton in light hues are refreshing options for the fall and winter seasons; add deep rich colors in heavier textiles for a classy or cozy feel.

To warm up your décor in the cooler season, consider pillows made of suede, corduroy, tweeds, and patterns such as paisley, plaids, or tapestry.



A change in accessories, such as pillows and floral designs, can have a dramatic impact.



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You can have custom reversible pillows made or add covers to your existing pillows. With either option, coordinate the pillow's fabric that compliments the lighter or darker hues of your upholstery or window treatment fabrics. If you use pillow covers, you can store them flat in off season. Reversible pillows are a great option for change depending on the season or your mood. In your bedroom, you can change your coverlet/bedspread for the season. You





can have them custom made with a reversible coordinating fabric. Depending on storage, have another coverlet in a fabric and color that compliments the season. Duvet covers are a great option. You can remove the down insert from an unused duvet cover and move it to another one. You can use the duvet cover over your coverlet instead of using an insert. Depending on your bed frame, you can remove the bed shirt for a lighter look for the summer.

Your window treatments can be custom made with reversible fabrics that you can switch depending on the season or your mood for change. If you have valances, add a rod underneath to add sheers for the summer then exchange them for coordinating panels for winter. Decorative rods are a great option because you can exchange your panels depend-

ing on the time of year. Sheer or brighter lighter panels look refreshing for the summer. Consider velvet, corduroy, or deep rich colors for a cozy look for the cooler seasons.

Floral designs add color and texture to your room. Looking at the same thing becomes boring and tired. The new look of each season is fun and exciting. Depending on your storage and budget, it can be hard to decorate every room with a seasonal floral design. You may want to consider areas of your home that more visible by you and others. The foyer is another area for seasonal floral designs and accessories because it is the first impression to your guest. For the spring and summer season,



you can exchange your floral designs with seasonal inspired floral designs. If you are tired of the silk floral designs, consider a crystal or porcelain vase for fresh flowers from your garden or purchase seasonal flowers.

Changing your artwork can be a more costly option. Mirrors and wreaths can be another alternative. Mirrors add light to your room and can replace artwork that seems off season. Wreaths can add a seasonal accent to your room depending the colors and style of the wreath.

Another option for change of color is change your candles to enhance the darker colors for winter or the light colors for

summer. You can replace the candlesticks with spring/summer accessories.

Change your area rugs. If you have wool Oriental rug, consider lighter colors, floral, cotton, or sisal for the spring and summer. Since it is time consuming to move the furniture and costly to exchange the large area rugs, consider the smaller rugs in the kitchen, powder room, or back door entry.

Don't forget your front door along with the side or back entry doors. When selecting a wreath or swag, consider the color of the door. Some doors have a lot of natural light while others are shadowed by a porch or surroundings. If you can see your front door from the street, make sure that you have enough contrast of colors so your wreath stands out and doesn't disappear. In the spring & summer, remember to coordinate the wreath with the color of the flowers in your landscape. Consider bright colored mums and gourds or natural earth colors for your fall wreath. Evergreen wreaths are great base for the winter and the holidays.

Since your house is your home, I personally enjoy seeing photos from past holidays. Photos of children, pets, and family from holidays long ago are wonderful to enjoy at the current holiday. If you keep them in beautiful frames, it makes easy to pull them out to display. Another great memory accent is the large photo books that you can buy as a souvenir. They look great on the coffee table along with reminding you of the wonderful vacation. When accessorizing a client's home, I like to incorporate their treasures into their new room. It is very important that your home reflect you.

Making all of these changes sounds like a full-time job. Doing just a few changes can give your home a fresh look. Focus on your favorite room or two by adding a few changes or go all out!

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Instead of just framed art, consider adding interesting wall art made from pottery, metal, etc.



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