

UPDATING & ACCESSORIZING

Spring Cleaning Part 2

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Spring is here . . .

It's the time of year to jump into projects, update your home and get those lingering household items OFF your to do list! In this month's Design Session, you'll learn the importance of refreshing your home and the tools to make it into an inviting and festive living space. Here are this month's skills to make your home and your LIFE BETTER!

5 Design Principles You'll Learn Today:

○ Plan Your Color Story

- Think about your colors and how they carry through to each room of your home.
- Bring a pop of color from the outdoors in.

○ Use the Power of Paint!

- Have an artist add new colors to old painting and bring new life to a piece.
- Repaint an outdated piece white and it's good as new!
- Paint a doorknob and create the illusion that it doesn't show.

○ Add Unique Artificial Material

- Add Astro Turf or other natural looking elements as a table runner.
- Securing moss to a plastic planter not only conceals the pot, but adds a punch of color.

○ Transform Shapes and Sizes

- Take a large piece of art and have it cut to a size that works for your space.
- Add a circular lampshade to an old lamp to transform into a fresh, new look.
- Orient a mirror differently to frame a space to its fullest potential

○ Never Underestimate a Neutral

- Select good quality furniture in neutral colors. Then add a fun and inexpensive pillow or throw that compliments your homes color story.
- Neutral walls serve as the perfect backdrop for art and statement pieces.

Living Room & Family Room

TIP: Consider moving your furniture around for a fresh feel without having to buy anything new!

- Place new art or re-arrange pieces for a brand-new look
- New spring inspired decorative pillows
- Turn your books around in bookshelves or built-in
- Add a pair of lamps or update the shades of your existing lamps
- Change your coffee table centerpiece
- Fresh coat of paint or textured wallpaper
- Edit your accessories and dispose of silk plants, less is best!
- Buy cord cable hidens and eliminate those pesky cords
- Update family photos in frames
- Wash curtains and dust rods
- New slip covers or upholstery
- If you have shutters or mini blinds, be sure to wash each slat!

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POWDER ROOM

- Buy new white hand towels or disposable paper guest towels
- Purchase Spring scented room spray
- Assess mirror orientation above sink... Does it look good as you have it or would it look better in the opposite direction?
- Update the cabinet hardware for your vanity
- A new toilet seat cover can make you feel like you just remodeled!
- Add an oversized piece of art for an unexpected look
- Add a new fragrant candle.
- Buy a pretty waste basket
- Consider updating your lighting. Do you have enough light?

TIP: Don't be afraid to paint and modify existing items

KITCHEN

- Clean out your cabinets and kitchen drawers.
- Purge unused small appliances and Tupperware without lids
- Stain touchup pen on cabinets
- Add spring touches to garden window
- Add a spring inspired accessories to your Kitchen Island
- Update Kitchen cabinet knobs
- Buy yourself some new Kitchen towels
- De-clutter your countertops
- Apply new shelving paper

TIP: Bring colors from outside your kitchen window into your home.

DINING ROOM

- Wash and sparkle up your chandelier
- Replace silk plants or artificial centerpieces with fresh seasonal flowers
- Assess your plates, dishes, silverware and glassware...Is it time to go to Home Goods to update or replace lost or damaged items?
- Re-accessorize your china cabinet
- Centralize your candle collection keeping only usable candles
- Launder your light-colored placemats or table cloths
- Iron your cloth napkins
- Replace any burned out light bulbs and make sure they all match
- Update your artwork or relocate it for a fresh perspective
- Is now a good time to change the upholstery on your Dining chair seats?
- Add real places and place in Spring inspired containers

TIP: Repeat shapes and forms to create flow in your home

notes:

BEDROOMS:

- Buy new sleeping pillows
- Change out your duvet cover for fresh spring feeling
- Add decorative pillows to your bed in fresh new color scheme
- Access your bedside lamps. Are they matching and are they big enough? Would new shades do the trick?
- Launder your current Window Treatments... High enough? Do they complete your room?
- Fresh coat of paint?

TIP: Invest in high quality neutral bedding and rotate in inexpensive decorative pillows and throws.

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Additional Rooms to Consider . . .

KIDS BEDROOMS:

- Consider new bedding
- Update the window treatments.
- Purge outgrown toys and tchotchke's and donate to less fortunate families
- Buy storage bins or baskets for storing toys.
- Fresh coat of paint?

LINEN CLOSET

- Begin the process of buying all white towels and sheets from now on ☺
- Consider removing upper cabinet and replacing with art piece and lamp

LAUNDRY ROOM

- Add fresh colorful art work
- Hang an oversized clock on the wall
- Clean out your wrapping paper and ribbon supply. Get rid of nearly empty rolls and random small pieces
- Buy sturdy laundry baskets to sort by color. Here's some that I love!
https://www.uline.com/BL_1824/Basket-Trucks?keywords=laundry%20carts

BATHROOMS

- Assess your shower curtain and add length if you need to, TAKE IT TO THE CEILING!
- Add that spa feeling by displaying only white towels.
- Add fresh flowers or an artificial orchid to countertop
- Consider updating lighting
- Purge cabinets and drawers and organize only what you use and need
- Touch-up stain on cabinets if needed

HOME OFFICE

- Buy a shredder.
- Hide unsightly cords
- Buy decorating baskets for organizing
- Purge, clean and organized papers and stuff!

HALLWAYS

- Reframe family photo gallery in matching or coordinating frames.
Update photos to current ones
- Add art to walls... preferable at end of hallway
- Replace burned out light bulbs
- Fresh coat of paint?

GARAGE

- Purge, clean and organize by category

OUTDOOR SPACES

FRONT:

- Would it give you joy to have a new fresh coat of paint on your entry door? Try a new fun color!
- Add fresh blooms near front door
- Buy a new welcome mat for your entry way

BACK:

- Add new outdoor pillows to your furniture pieces.
- Add some colorful pottery to your outdoors and fill pots with colorful blooms.
- Consider adding an outdoor light fixture (like my Edison bulb fixture) or strings of city lights over a seating area. Make sure lights are outdoor rated!
- Add strings of twinkle lights to your bushes and trees.

