

Home and Decor

Seasonal decorating is a snap

Redecorating from season to season is not as extravagant as one might think.

With just a few design changes, your room's decor can reflect summer, fall, winter or spring.

"The colours of spring are crisp and pastel, the summer we associate with hot colours, fall brings us earth tones, and winter colours are warm and muted," explains Tracy Kundell of Avalon Interiors and W Network's The Decorating Challenge.

"Toss cushions or a fabric square on top of a solid colour. Covering a decorator table is the easiest and most inexpensive to change. Fabric says a lot about seasons.

"In winter, I associate heavier fabrics like leather, velvet and chenille in prints of plaid; in fall, tapestry paisley or tweed; the spring is great for lightweight chintz or silk in gingham or floral designs; and for summer, silk with a beach stripe," adds the designer.

Over the winter, we accumulate a lot. Once spring arrives, Kundell suggests editing clutter – switch accessories like frames and flower containers from heavy metal and wood to light wire and wicker.

Kundell says flowers and greenery are the greatest way to express the change of seasons in your decor. Spring has lilacs,

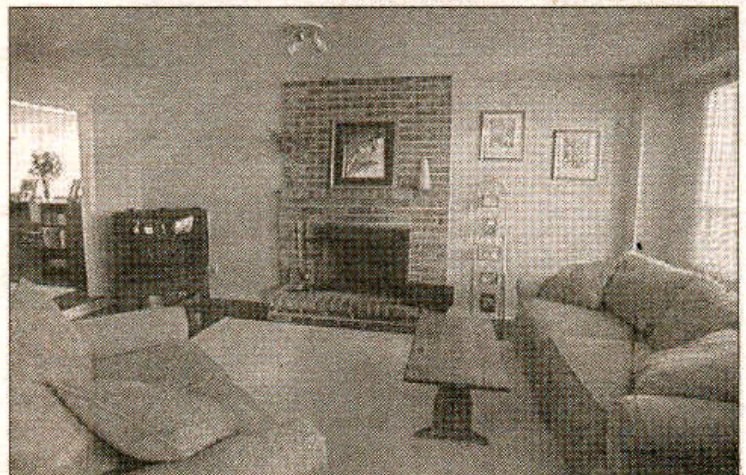


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A living room decorated for Winter has a cosy feel to it above. At right, fall shades bring an earthy vibe to the same room.

daisies, hyacinths and tulips. In the summertime, fresh-cut flowers from your garden can be used. In the fall, mums, curly willow and red dogwood, and in the winter, red dogwood with pinecones are great options.

When winter turns into spring, change or add a light and airy inspired slipcover, blanket or throw on a chair or sofa. Those with two-sided drapes can reverse them to the lighter



option, and those with layered window treatments such as side panels over a blind or sheer can remove one of the layers to let in more sunshine.

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