

Stylish Solutions

Spruce Up for Spring

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When you have a darker space or winter feel and need the update for spring, after you switch out pillows and accessories, bring your floral arrangements up to date, too. Don't forget the details. Here we pulled in the spring color yellow and did a simple but strong floral to match.

3) Shop the color wheel. We constantly talk about undertones (see previous articles in the Lamorinda Weekly online archives for more about this). You can mix rusts, reds, blues, greens and shades of white because their undertones are similar.

4) Develop a feel for textures. Don't be afraid to use a sweater type pillow in your spring decor. Mix it with wool, linen, cotton and applique for an expensive looking grouping. By consistently going back to our inspiration photo, we were comfortable picking up a nubby linen solid blue with applique (similar to the thistle) and mixing it with the white cable sweater pillow (similar to the flower petals).

5) Mix shapes and sizes. You can incorporate everything from oblong to oversized. Play with the arrangements and have some fun. The best part? When people sit and move pillows, it's OK! There is no 'perfect' arrangement. Like people at a dinner party, it's the mix that makes the fun.

As a final note, if your room has a winter bent, gather your floral from a spring color and match strongly. We used a yellow stripe in Hudson Bay Blankets at a rental cabin in Lake Tahoe and added a striking simple floral in the same yellow.

Have a great time shopping, stylish suburbanites,

and do let me know how it goes! Share with friends and shop with flair.

Blessings this April.



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