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Burst out of your winter cocoon with our 10 simple ways to add some seasonal sizzle to your home.

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Let the sun shine in

Replace heavy window treatments with beautiful billowing sheers. They come in all sizes and colors, are moderately priced and available everywhere. You'll feel as if a fresh breeze has just blown into your home, even with the windows closed.

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Smells like spring Fresh flowers and fruit are an inexpensive way to inject some fragrance and spots of brilliant cheery color into your home. For fun, arrange your flowers in one of Garnet Hill's funky little rubber vases in aqua, magenta, orange or lime. And throwing some lemons or limes into a bowl or onto a plate is one of the oldest decorating tricks in the book. It's an instant and easy pick-me-up.



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Slip into something more comfortable

Dress up (or undress) your winter darks. We're talking slipcovers here. Take 'em off or put 'em on. Try summer white, a springy floral or go wild with something that pops: chartreuse, a deep blue or a lemony yellow stripe. Look outdoors for color inspiration: the sun, the grass, the sky, the spring blooms. If you're ambitious, you can even [make your own slipcovers](#). While you're at it, why not [slipcover your wooden coffee table](#) in a crisp white, or brighten up your headboard by upholstering it with a sheet from one of the new spring collections. Marimekko always has sheets that are cheerful works of art.



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Perk up the pillows If you don't want to go the whole slipcover route, at least put away winter's suede and velvet pillows and replace them with something lighter and brighter. Pillows are a relatively safe and inexpensive way to take a chance on a trendy color or design. [Check out these simple ideas](#) or go to www.beautifulpillows.net for more inspiration.

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Play with paint What is one of the cheapest ways to make a dramatic change in the atmosphere of a room? Paint, of course. Choose one focal point wall and try a sunny yellow or this year's turquoise ocean blue. You can always paint over it in the fall. Or buy a large canvas and paint your own abstract work of art, as [Design Remix's Karen McAloon](#) does each season.



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Keep it light Have some fun with the lighting in your rooms. Bring in a hip Fifties lamp or one of this year's popular paper chandeliers. Or try a light source dressed all in white, from base to

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shade. And why not pop in a mood light bulb for good measure? Mood-lites makes a Happy yellow light bulb that is just right for spring. C'mon, be happy!



8 Scarf it up Throw one of the season's delicious scarves—cheery polka dots or pop-art Pucci-like designs—over the back of a chair. Or frame it for an instant piece of art. Better yet, hot-glue it to a lampshade for a custom look that's all your own.

7 Treat your feet Roll up the Oriental or all-wool carpet and roll out a whiff of fresh air with a springy sisal or bamboo mat. Or try Flor's carpet tiles that are easy on and easy off. You can intersperse daisy tiles with solids or other patterns for some foot-fancy flower power.



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Cut the clutter How can you come out of your cocoon when you're surrounded by too much stuff? Edit your furnishings so that the clutter is gone. Then add at least one eye-catching glass piece. Its lightness will help the whole room feel airy.



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Go for the glow It's time to put away the cinnamon and bayberry candles and go with something lighter. Fresh scents for the season from Illuminations include pineapple cilantro, cotton, nectar, daffodil, chardonnay, sweet pea vanilla and cucumber mint. Display candles with warm-weather collections, such as shells or beach glass.



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