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Tired of beige? Use bold new colours instead



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here's something about the change of seasons that brings with it the desire for change in our homes.

As we greet spring and enjoy the burst of colour it brings, we can't help but feel a twinge of excitement at the prospects of an inspirational new colour scheme for our living space.

Pale olive greens, cheerful bright yellows, soft pink, burnt corals, dusky blues, rich purples, crisp whites, the newly popular navies and of course the colour of the year — greenery — are this spring's offerings of bright colours that are not only inspirational but easy to work with.

Adding a punch of colour to your home can be simpler than you think. There is, of course, the customary bunch of beautiful fresh flowers that will brighten up any dull space but think beyond that.

This season we are seeing an explosion of new fabric releases that not only delve into a multitude of amazing colours but also patterns and textures that speak volumes in elevating the tired "beige tones" in your living space.

Lightweight airy linen in a soft earthy blue may be just the thing to replace those heavy drapes on your windows offering a crisp, new look to your room.

Pair it with fantastic patterned fabrics and accessories in burnt coral, and yellows, throw in a bold new piece of artwork and watch your room come alive. One of my go-to resources for fabrics is Alendel Fabrics.

This season sees the launch of eight new fabrics lines that are designed to stir our imagination and perk up our homes.

Injecting colour in to your world is not just about fabrics and accessories. Brit-

ish bath manufacturer, Victoria + Albert has introduced a popular range of external colour tones designed to inspire bathroom décor.

In addition to their original high-gloss white finish, the brand now offers distinctive classic shades of grey and warm dark tones available in their entire line of freestanding tubs, basins and vanity furniture.

Make a strong statement with their bold new dark tones: Gloss Black and Anthracite paired up with the colour of the year...greenery as your accent and you are sure to enliven any space.

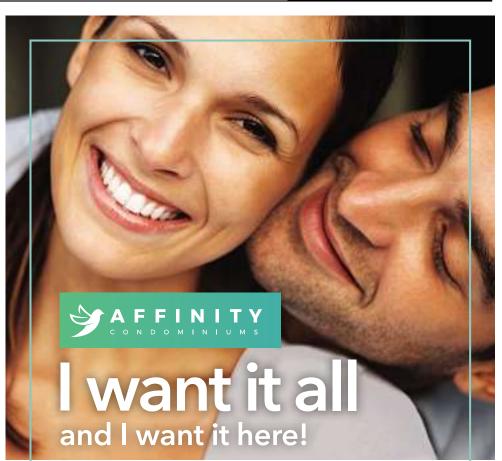
Colour inspiration is everywhere this time of year. Look to create a sophisticated blend of colours, pattern and textures that are sure to give that designer touch to your home. Here are some tips to inject some easy colour into your home

- A gallon of paint goes a long way in enriching any space, with a little bit of work you can quickly transform the feel of any room.
- With an abundant selection of not only colours but patterns, wallpaper can translate into an inspirational resource for elevating any room.
- Be bold in your selections and use of colour. If you love a particular colour but are unsure, use it in smaller doses as an accent.
- Add a black element to your mix, a black lampshade, or other accessory accent; by doing this you clarify, and enhance all the other colours in the space.

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Replace the beige tones in your living room with fabrics and accessories in burnt coral, yellows or greens and watch your room come alive.



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