Fall Decorating Ideas: Simple Ways to Cozy Up

Make your home feel more comfortable this fall with cozy-chic (and super easy!) decorating ideas from top designers.



Fall Makeover: Double-Sided Fireplace

- ◯ Design your own furniture-style entertainment center; build it into the wall nearest the fireplace.
- ◯ To enhance the architectural details of a fireplace, faux finish the surround in shades of burnt red and orange.
- ◯ Display a framed oil painting or flat-screen TV above the mantel.
- ◯ Place stairstep shelves on the mantel and use as displays for decorative ceramic jars and bottles.
- ◯ Place large kilim-covered down pillows on the hearth.

Fall Makeover: Front Door

- ◯ Stain the front porch or, if it's concrete, cover it with flagstone.
- ◯ Replace a door and sidelights with a double door, or refinish the door with a new stain or paint that goes with the rest of the home's exterior.
- ◯ Update the porch lighting with new fixtures.
- ◯ Hang a fall wreath on the front door, or drape the frame with a long garland twined with string lights.

Fall Makeover: Foyer

- ◯ Place an attractive area rug on the floor. The first steps people take into your home will feel more luxurious and comfortable.
- ◯ Display fresh scented flowers on a table near the doorway.

- [ ] Install better lighting in the foyer, and equip all fixtures with dimmers to increase brightness when needed on dreary days.

Fall Makeover: Living Room

- [ ] If your furniture is similar in style, pattern, finish or color, pieces can be interchangeable.
- [ ] You can add the feeling of fall to a room by swapping a comfortable pattern-covered chaise in the living room for a leather-covered club chair and ottoman from the study.
- [ ] Use khaki as a neutral background color. Red, green, blue and orange hues look very organic against this popular color.
- [ ] Instead of rearranging your furniture, consider a new area rug for the floor. It will be soft and comfortable underfoot.
- [ ] Romanticize shorter days by placing tea lights and candles around your home. Light them when it gets dark.
- [ ] Make sure you have plenty of direct lighting in the living room, such as a cantilevered lamp you can read by.

Fall Makeover: Kitchen

- [ ] Get the family together to remove clutter and thoroughly scrub every inch of the kitchen until it sparkles.
- [ ] Install a new backsplash.
- [ ] Change the kitchen's window treatments.
- [ ] Accessorize the kitchen with real fruits and vegetables that you use on a daily basis.
- [ ] Dress up cabinets with new paint, wood molding or new pulls.
- [ ] Replace fluorescent ceiling lights with a pendant lamp, or add a decorative medallion to the center.
- [ ] Repaint the kitchen with a new color.

Fall Makeover: Bedroom

- [ ] Change the look of your linens, shams or duvet covers. Make sure they complement your existing floors, walls and furnishings.
- [ ] Even a quilt thrown over the end of the bed can add a new look and feel.
- [ ] Replace white light bulbs with pink bulbs for a warmer look.
- [ ] Add trim to lampshades or replace them with something new.
- [ ] Equip your closet with attractive hangers. Place scented sachets in chests of drawers.
- [ ] Every once in a while, buy fresh flowers. Place them next to your bed or in a visual line from your bed.

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