

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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