

Spring Decor Do's

14 designers tell us what's trending this season



We're finally digging ourselves out of The Longest Winter Ever, and thoughts are turning to cleaning and redecorating. I spoke with top interior designers to find out what's hot for spring and summer—and how to make it happen in your home, even when you're on a budget.



Cathy Hobbs

Emmy Award–winning television personality, finalist on HGTV's Design Star and founder and creator of Cathy Hobbs Design Recipes, an interior design and home staging company

“One of my favorite shades to use is the color of jalapeño pepper because its deep-yellow undertones not only create a bright, warm interior but also look amazing with myriad colors, from pure white to eggplant and other citrus colors, such as orange and yellow. The color green adds a level of sophistication to an interior, especially when paired with other strong neutrals like white, black and chocolate brown. In many ways, I actually think **green is the new neutral**.”



“When it comes to great patterns and materials for the summer, two of my favorite fabrics are **velvet and cotton**. From cut velvet to crushed-velvet fabrics, I love the look and feel of velvet and the versatility and richness of the fabric. Cotton and velvet fabrics will take your decor not only from spring to summer but also into fall and beyond! No fabric is as versatile to me as cotton. It is affordable, wears well and can easily be dyed a myriad of rich shades.

“**Frame wallpaper or pieces of fabric.** Prints are bold, colorful and in many cases textured. Nearly all retailers that sell wallpaper allow potential buyers to take home free samples. The sample sizes are usually always substantial in size and perfect for framing. And the beauty of fabric is that you can buy it by the yard. Can't paint? Why not buy yards of printed fabric and stretch it over a frame made of plywood. The result is a colorful, unique print! You can also frame smaller pieces to hang.”