

Brighten your home with feel-good flair!

TRY "CITRUS" COLORS

"From upbeat lemon yellow to lime green and grapefruit pink, this room captures a citrus palette fabulously," raves Hobbs. To enjoy this cheery palette at home, she suggests starting with two hues, then layering in others. "Here, yellow and green are solid foundation colors, while the pinks and oranges pop as fun accents."

Get the look: Plaid curtains in yellow, \$14 each, BrylaneHome.com

GO FOR PORTABLE DESIGN

"Showcasing throw pillows is a small style hack that makes a really big difference," says Hobbs. "Pillows fall into a category that I call 'portable design'—it's the ideal solution if you're looking to quickly update a space without spending a lot or want décor that you can swap out seasonally or even move to different rooms."

The key to giving any room a cheery, upbeat vibe all year long? Interior designer and home stager Cathy Hobbs, who has appeared on HGTV's *Design Star*, says it's as easy as adding fruity-fresh splashes of color, the right mix of patterns and a few surprising accents. These tweaks are guaranteed to make your home and your mood sunnier!

ADD THESE ACCENTS

"Unexpected objects can make the most eye-catching décor," notes Hobbs. "Here, gumballs piled into a glass jar easily add interest and color in the living area." Hobbs' other ideas for low-cost accents: baskets of fresh fruit (like lemons or limes), colorful marbles in glasses and vases filled with greenery from your yard.

PLAY WITH PATTERNS

"When designing a space, I always say it's more than okay to mix and match," assures Hobbs. "Here, a lattice-style rug, checkered curtains and multi-patterned pillows bring lively texture into the room." To get a unified look, Hobbs uses a technique called "color mapping," where you repeat one or two hues in the patterns throughout the space.

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WW Picks: Little hits of happy!



Perk up a table

Pineapple sculpture is a fun way to add dimension and charm to a tabletop (\$22, Benno Green Ceramic Pineapple, Wayfair.com).



Pile on zesty flair

Place a pair of chic chevron pillows on a sofa or chair for a sunny splash of style (\$37, Rizzy Chevron Yellow Pillow, HayNeedle.com).



Boost ambiance

This pretty-in-pink candle offers a pop of pattern and a fresh fragrance to any room (\$32, Large 2-Wick Candle, LillyPulitzer.com).

WW DIY: Protect your tabletop with citrus-inspired coasters

Add a sunny touch to a tabletop (and ward off pesky water rings!) with a set of fruity coasters made from felt and fabric glue. Here's the easy step-by-step:

What you'll need:

- ☐ Orange, yellow and white felt
- ☐ Fabric glue
- ☐ 2 different sized drinking glasses



✓ **Cut the circles.** To make a lemon coaster, use the larger of the two glasses to trace a circle on yellow felt; cut out. Then use the smaller glass to trace a circle onto white felt; cut out.

✓ **Glue them together.** Using fabric glue or a hot-glue gun, affix the white circle atop the yellow circle.

✓ **Add "slices."** Cut six tiny triangles from yellow felt; glue to the white felt circle. Repeat with orange felt for orange coasters.

NO TIME TO CRAFT? No problem! Check out the fruit slice coasters, \$24 for 4, by ShopTeaTime at Etsy.com.