



10 BRILLIANT WAYS TO freshen up your decor

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At Toute Suite Custom Decor we'll get you ready to freshen up your decor with a stunning array of fine furniture and accessories. Our Canadian-made pieces can be custom-tailored to suit any taste, lifestyle and budget. With over 1000 designer fabrics and colours to choose from, matching your decor is easy, and we provide quick turn-around of all custom orders. In addition, our spacious showroom and relaxed design consultation centre provide the ideal setting to plan, customize and accessorize any room in your home.

With the introduction of the Jane by Jane Lockhart line to our store, our customers can now enjoy the premium craftsmanship and timeless beauty of Jane's desirable furniture designs. To get you started, here are ten easy-on-the-budget ways to brighten up your spaces with fresh-as-spring looks that will endure from season to season.



Above: Jane by Jane Lockhart Hemingway sofa by Statum Designs.

Right: Great Room and Kitchen/Bar designed by Jane Lockhart (www.janelockhart.com) for Kylemore Communities (www.kylemorecommunities.com).

Jane by Jane Lockhart sofas and chairs by Statum Designs (www.statumdesigns.com) are available at Toute Suite Custom Decor.

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1. Change wall colours: Painting is the fastest and least costly way to refresh a room. If you've been living with dark colours, switch to lighter shades and experience the high impact a colour change can bring.

2. Add a new sofa or chair: Instantly breathe life into your living room with a new sofa or chair like the Jane by Jane Lockhart cream-coloured Hemingway sofa and navy blue Stephanie chair. Toss in a few pillows of various shapes, sizes, colours and textures to brighten them up for spring.

3. Display colourful art: From original pieces by local artists to more affordable large-scale reproduction pieces, art is an easy way to add colour to a room without having to paint your walls. Create an instant focal point using a large piece of art, framed or unframed, with strong visual elements that are easy to read from a distance. Even easier on the budget – move your artwork from room to room for a fresh new look.

4. Add lighting: Lighting is one of the most overlooked design elements for adding life and dimension to a room. Lighting draws your eye into a space and is instrumental in creating focal points, highlighting a specific area or items in the space. Update your lamps with new lampshades and save energy by putting lights on dimmer switches and using LED bulbs.

5. Keep window coverings light: To keep a space open and airy, it's important to allow as much light as possible into the room. Covering your windows with sheer drapes and blinds rather than heavy lined drapery, allows light to filter into the room making it feel more spacious.

Today's sheers are available in a vast array of colours and patterns and can be installed to look fresh and modern.

6. Accent with fresh flowers: Decorating with fresh flowers is a quick and inexpensive way to brighten and add summer-fresh fragrance to a room.

Tip: Remove as many extra green leaves that will be below the water and cut the stems short so that the flower heads dome above the rim of the vase for a fuller look.

7. Group accessories: Often the challenge is not which accessories to purchase, but how to arrange them. Arrange reflective accessories including fresh flowers on a large tray in groupings of three, five or seven and place it on a large ottoman or coffee table. These colourful accents will create a stunning focal point in the room.

8. Hang mirrors: Mirrors reflect light, draw attention and create drama. Add mirrors on walls across from or adjacent to windows to give the sense of a secondary window. A large decorative mirror will bounce light around the room and add depth in an otherwise flat space.

9. Add a new rug: Area rugs are the perfect solution to instantly lightening up a room that has dark wood floors. A colourful area rug draws attention and will add warmth, texture and detail to any room.

10. Replace countertops: Although a more costly update, replacing an old, dull countertop with a sparkling new quartz or granite surface will have a huge impact on the brightness of the room while increasing the value of your home. Your new countertops will inspire you to choose a sleek and modern under-mounted sink and a new faucet. This is a lifetime investment and a fabulous way to refresh the kitchen and bathroom.

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