

Household Tips

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In many homes, the season always is the same. Room decoration goes right from Winter through Summer, with no transitional styling in between.

How is it at your house? If you've skipped the seasons this year, perhaps you can place the blame where home experts put it. They say (1) the time and fuss involved in re-decorating and (2) the expense of maintaining fresh draperies, rugs and slipcovers for all four seasons contribute to "decorating delinquency" across the nation.

Solutions aren't hard to find, and it still isn't too late to add just what the "decorator ordered."

For the first problem, try short cuts which refresh each room in a jiffy! The modern answer to the second stumbling block is to pop your draperies, rugs and slipcovers into the new, self-service dry cleaning machines available at many local laundromats and bring brightness into bloom economically.

Recipe for brightening a whole room without adding a thing? Wash down the walls—if you've got paint or wallpaper that stands up to soap and water.

If that doesn't give the room enough of a lift . . . a new cover of paint or paper will work magic. Try doing just one wall, in a shade or pattern which dramatizes the color scheme of your furnishings or accessories. Have you considered one of the inexpensive—but oh, so glamorous—new murals to enliven the space over your sofa, for example? Perhaps just painting the molding or door and window trim in a pleasing pastel shade would brighten a dull looking room.

Turn Old To New

You can give an old room a new look by simply introducing striking new curtains or cushion covers . . . in a color which complements the room's basic décor.

Any gal can be trusted to think of this . . . but just a reminder . . . move the furniture around.

Lights are pure enchantment when it comes to changing the appearance of a room. Softly col-

ored bulbs can create a romantic setting. . . moving your lamps to different spots of the room can give a new look. . . replacing an old ceiling fixture with a modern one updates room by many years.

Turn that old rocking chair or hope chest into a conversation piece with a gleaming coat of paint and suitable decals or hand-drawn illustrations!

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