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# Sprucing up for summer



*A Q&A with interior designer Lisa Peck*

BY SARAH MCKENZIE

After a long and grueling winter, taking time to declutter and reassess the look and feel of your home can be a cathartic experience. We turned to Lisa Peck, a principal with the award-winning LiLu Interiors, to get some ideas on how to reenergize rooms with fresh new colors and décor. Here are highlights of the interview.

**SWJ: What have been the dominant trends you've noticed for interior design this year?**

**Peck:** Global Influence, black and white rooms, updated versions of lace and heirloom inspired items, including made just for you items and hand crafted, vintage or local artisan pieces in interiors.

**What design tips do you have for homeowners looking to freshen up their spaces for spring?**

Think lighter, brighter and fresh in spring. Consider using pillows and throws in different shades to create a lighter look. Edit accessories and rearrange art and objects to create a more spare feeling to freshening up your spaces without a total redo. Consider adding pops of white to a

space with a lamp, vase, tray or pillow. As you add a fresh color consider placement carefully, create a rhythm for your eye to follow the color around the room ... don't clump it all in one spot.

**Do you have any fun ideas for outdoor living/entertaining?**

Think about your exterior spaces as "rooms." Create an exterior living room with lounge furniture and use a fire pit or structural green wall as a focal point. You can even use trims on pillows, outdoor rugs and lamps that are reminiscent of a living room lamp to heighten the effect and extend your living space.

**What colors are hot right now?**

Greens of all shades are very popular for





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their stability and connection to nature.

#### Any noteworthy design trends for loft/condo dwellers?

We are seeing condo owners investing in built-in storage that adds value to their home and makes living in a smaller space much easier. In addition using drapery, screens and free standing storage is a popular trend.

#### Any quick tips for adding some dazzle to a boring space?

Consider one wall of color, pattern or texture ... a great wallcovering is a way to add dazzle. Also consider updating loved items by painting them a bright color or using a pop of a favorite color in accessories.

### At a Glance: LiLu Interiors

**Overview:** LiLu Interiors is a full-service interior design firm.

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