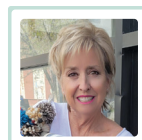




SPACES

Making home more comfortable during this next seasonal change.

WRITTEN BY TANOAN RESIDENT PATTI HARRELL HOECH
LICENSED INTERIOR DESIGNER



Color is a very real correlator to season change. Even in the tropics where there doesn't seem to be a very discernable change in seasons, blooming cycles announce the shift. Here, mum plants are exploding with color, from

neighborhood landscaping to the grocery floral departments and local farm stores, while leaves are changing to their autumnal palette.

Although the change in seasons here is more subtle than in many places, it is still very apparent and offers an enjoyable change in wardrobe and in our interiors.

A humorous observation of this craving is to see people donning suede Uggs with fleece linings in San Diego – despite

the very subtle seasonal change - they are so eager for a change when the calendar pages turn.

This is the perfect time to switch-up the throw pillows on your sofa and bring out the cozy throws for their color and texture. Soft cotton or acrylic weaves and even fine wools can drape invitingly over a chair or the back of a sofa, to grab and snuggle, countering the cold. Curating the color selection will result in a warm, welcoming, decorative embellishment to your interior scene.

From a practical standpoint, it is helpful to try to visualize the design of your space in the other seasons. If you are designing and implementing in summer, with lightweight textures and cooler colors, imagine that same scene in the depths of winter when the temperature drops and being inside provides warmth and a reprieve from the cold. You might experience this in a mountain cabin or ski lodge where warm colors and rugged textures of stone and wood are preferable to



Apples and Honey Locust pods with scattered Bradford Pear leaves create a seasonal centerpiece.

sleek slabs, other smooth surfaces and cool colors.

This relates to the subject of BALANCE in the last issue. Good balance will ensure a comfortable interior for all seasons.

As we celebrate the



Invite old friends! Mix vintage with contemporary.



Bring kids into the activities making place cards and other decorations.

seasonal change it is fun to pull from nature and discover decorative opportunities in the real changes taking place outside. As the seasons shift, apples and gourds are locally available. You might find colorfully flavorful persimmons, from other parts of the country or beyond, in crates in the produce departments. From the traditional cornucopia, using seasonal fruits and vegetables makes wonderful centerpieces for your holiday table dressings.

Another fascinating sculptural decorative element from nature is seed pods from Honey Locust trees. These mahogany-colored pods are interestingly attenuated and twisted - perfect to cluster in vases. Mix with flowers – or not, have fun experimenting! The rich, warm semigloss of the pods are a perfect expression of the season. I store them like any other seasonal decoration in case the crop isn't good when I need them.

Likewise, Bradford Pear leaves turn from chartreuse to burgundy with golden yellow and cheery cherry-bomb red in between! Gather them as they pile at the base of these explosions of color and scatter them on your table.

Gatherings of family and friends are also the perfect time to invite “old friends” to your table with a mix of the new. Funny how the influencers of home décor will create and market inventory of nostalgic dinnerware (even disposable) with “pricey” tags when so many family china collections, crystal, silver and other fabulous accessories are forgotten. Open the boxes, remember the traditions, imagine the gatherings that took place over past generations with these fragile, exquisitely



Autumn gourds with fall leaves, pewter, silver, crystal and colorful cotton napkins.

beautiful pieces and invite these treasures to your tables!

The days get so much shorter as the calendar wanes, and our interiors are decidedly darker which speaks to the need to alter your lighting. With today's technology, it is possible to change the “temperature” of many light fixtures. Even with a retrofit of a standard fixture by switching the “lamp” (light bulb), you can warm pockets of your home to balance the perceived temperature of the space.

Go forth, simmer a pot of cinnamon sticks and embrace this cozy new season!



Throw pillows are fun to change seasonally. Spice it up!

Your Neighbor,

Patti Harrell Hoech

Licensed Interior Designer



To ask Patti a question please scan the QR code!

BUILT FOR
Living
Handmade heirloom furniture.
Tell a story in your home.



MUSTANG HOME GOODS
limited co



Disabled Veteran Owned and Operated
505.418.8070
mustanghomegoods.com

