

4 Ways to mix Fresh into your Current Decor

I have received a few great questions like **'How do you mix all the fresh new colours with the old?'** or here's another one, **'How do those of us that live in modest homes (eg. circa 1990) freshen up a dated appearance without having the whole million dollar makeover?'**

1. Paint the dining room chairs



Image via House of Turquoise

These chairs were oak first and many of you might have something similar in your kitchen dining room (that is old and tired to you—maybe they are espresso brown). Pick a great colour (make sure you repeat it somewhere like here in the back of the shelving) and make your chairs happy! It always looks more designerish when the chairs don't match the dining set perfectly anyway!

2. Replace your fireplace Tile

Every room needs a focal point and if yours is old and dated [what were the previous home owners thinking anyway?] either paint the tile (I know I'm telling you to get the paintbrush out again, but it's better than nothing) or replace it. Many of you have a basic 12 x 12 tile on your surround (I have seen it, I know) and it's not as expensive as you might think.



Here a newer fresher look has been injected along with 2 new chairs (another way to inject a fresh colour into your space.)

3. If you have an old and tired brown sofa (like this one below) nothing will freshed it up faster than new pillows.



Interior by Judith Balis

This room was re-vamped by this designer for under \$500. New pillows, artwork in coordinating colours and the mandarin orange repeated above the mantle with a creative focal point goes miles to make this room feel happy and updated!

4. Slipcover your old sofa (below) and bring in a great, colourful or graphic rug.



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Or get this one (left) from IKEA (if you can't slipcover) to go with your brown sofa and then paint the walls yellow or rust and repeat in the toss cushions for a fresh new graphic look!

A dark colour like espresso brown still goes with a multitude of fresh colours and if you add white into your space as well, it always goes a long way to making any room feel fresh!

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