

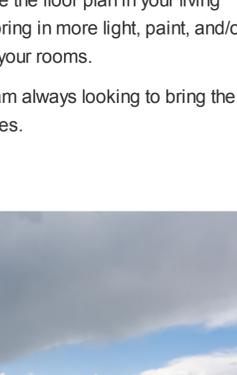
“It’s spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you’ve got it, you want — oh, you don’t quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!

– Mark Twain

## Spring Color Inspiration

Dear colleague,

It seems the groundhog was correct with regards to an early Spring here in the Los Angeles area. With the much needed rain we have had in the last couple of weeks, we are seeing many early blooms and with the night blooming jasmine and citrus trees budding, the fragrance is heavenly.

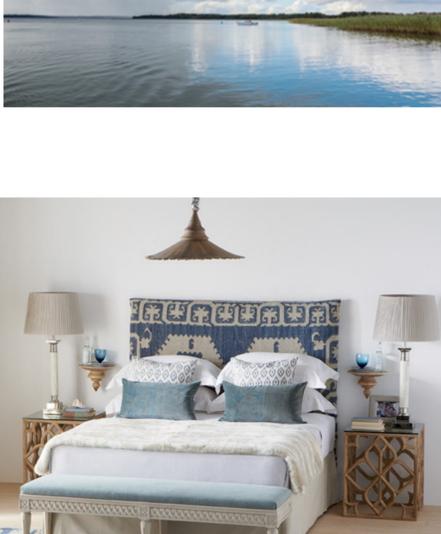


You may be expecting bright and saturated color but what about a softer approach? Let’s take a look at some other color ways to refresh your home for Spring.

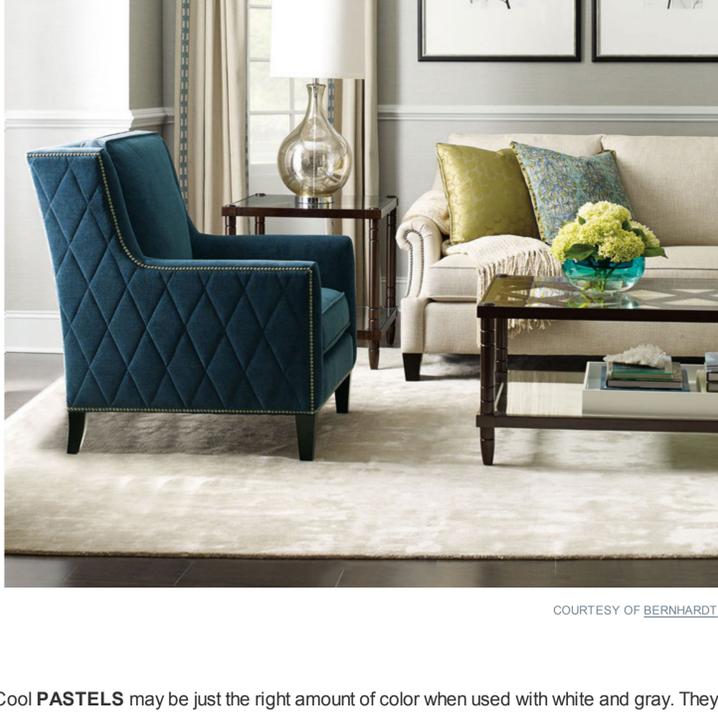
In addition to your Spring cleaning, you may want to rearrange the floor plan in your living room, switch out your curtains with a lighter fabric which will bring in more light, paint, and/or add some fresh new accent pillows to change up the look of your rooms.

As an interior designer who’s style is influenced by nature, I am always looking to bring the outdoors inside and add a calming presence to our hectic lives.

**GRAY** is a beautiful base paint for any room. It is the new neutral for room color because it is soothing to the eye and can accommodate both contemporary and transitional styles. It is a very versatile backdrop with many accent colors. When paired with white, gray becomes lighter and brighter creating a very open and airy feel to a space.



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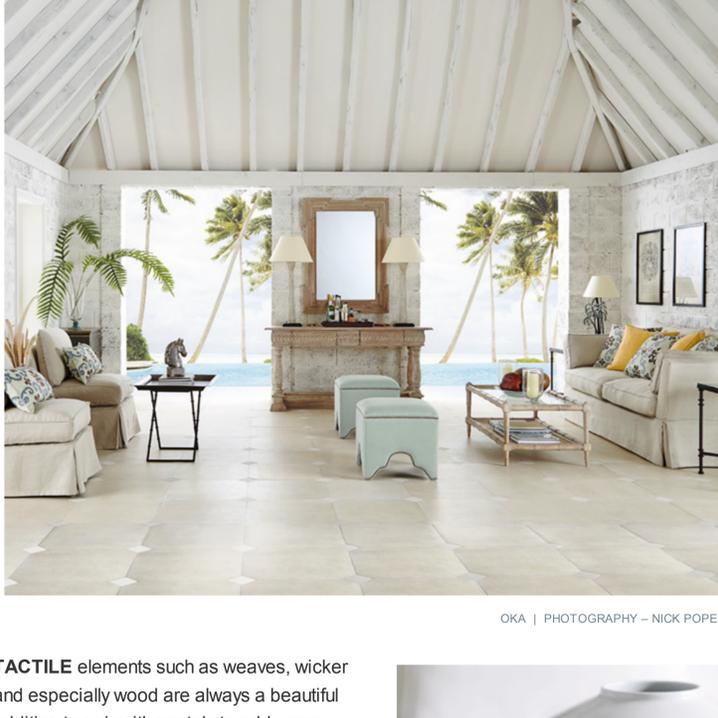


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Cool **PASTELS** may be just the right amount of color when used with white and gray. They are a very sophisticated palette option and also create a calming atmosphere.



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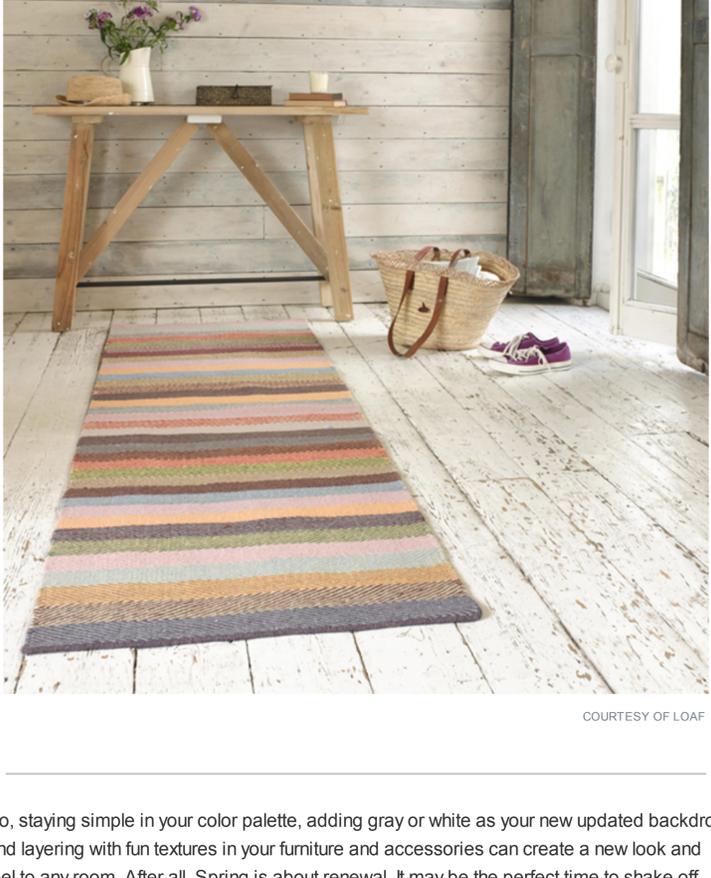


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**TACTILE** elements such as weaves, wicker and especially wood are always a beautiful addition to pair with pastels to add some warmth into the design scheme. The beauty of these elements is that one can alternate furnishings seasonally using the muted colors you see here or incorporate brighter colors from time to time. Natural textures add interest in a room, so utilizing them creates a rich visual experience.



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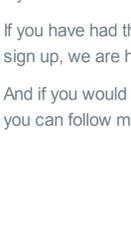


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So, staying simple in your color palette, adding gray or white as your new updated backdrop and layering with fun textures in your furniture and accessories can create a new look and feel to any room. After all, Spring is about renewal. It may be the perfect time to shake off winter and get a fresh start at home.

Happy Spring,

Lauren

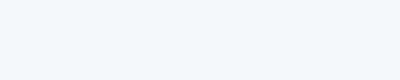


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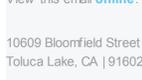
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