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A Time for Celebrations

In July, we commemorate the signing of the *Declaration of Independence* and the learned men who composed an incredible document forming the creation of a new nation. In it, they began the work of designing a system of governing and, set the groundwork of extending human rights to all its citizens. As we celebrate **Independence Day**, we can also respect and

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reflect on the insurmountable cost to gain that freedom.

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In that spirit, you may want to bring some of that patriotism home and make it a part of your entertaining this summer.

The celebratory fervor can continue long after the 4th. Summertime is a time for family reunions, get-togethers with friends, house guests, BBQ's, picnics, and at times, a spirit of spontaneity.

The amount of sophistication in patriotic decor has never been better. We have choices that vary from the use of natural and textured fabrics, to clever applications of stars, stripes and graphics. Done right, they offer a timeless appeal.

Indoor & Outdoor Rugs

If you are planning any get-togethers this summer and, whether you're spending that time indoors or outdoors, consider adding new rugs and pillows. One of the best things about these accessories is that they can be used all summer long.

For outdoors, look for yarn-dyed polypropylene weaves, they resist fading and staining and, are super-durable, so they're a great choice for outdoor spaces as well as high-traffic areas indoors.



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Decorations

Lighting and table settings create a festive mood. You can purchase the red, white and blue lighting or buy the colored bulbs and do it yourself. If you have some mini white Christmas lights that have not been packed in deep storage, you could use them as well by putting them under a railing or under the table for an ambient glow. Lamp shades in red, white and blue may be a simple accent to use as well. I can't stress it enough, lighting is the key to creating the ambience of the room.

Regarding the table, that is something that is only limited by one's imagination, but a good place to start is by adhering to a color palette.

Traditional Color

This is a very bold and bright color choice and can be as outspoken as you want to make it. For entertaining, the festive palette is great fun.



Accessories

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The styling of the accessories in the rooms below offer a more muted versions of the patriotic palette and, with the addition of pale blue and natural hues, they create a sophisticated living spaces.. I really like the mix of geometric, striped, and floral fabrics. In a bright room like this, it works well. The paisley in the bedroom is very clever.



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If you're not into the red, you could go with ocean themed art and accessories or a nautical theme. Here are a few of the many nautical fabrics designed by Barclay Butura for Kravet.



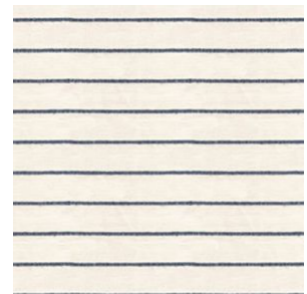
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This color scheme can be bold and lively but remember, you could start with a white and blue foundation and add that splash of color seasonally. Blue is also a great ground color, evoking many moods and with so many variations to work with, your accessory choices are tremendous.

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As Americans, we love to share our style and bringing a little 'Americana' into the home is easy to do, So feel free to contact me and I will help combine some patriotic embellishment with your personal style.

Best Regards,

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