

BITS AND PIECES

It's the little things...

You don't have to embark on a major renovation to refresh your home. A few clever, affordable updates can make all the difference, says Angelina Villa-Clarke



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DEFINING THE DETAILS

Dani Burroughs, head of product for Snug, gives her advice on home accessories

1. An accent chair in a bright colour brings instant cheer to a room.
2. Complementary lighting, cushions and throws create a space that's inviting.
3. A side table, dressed with a lamp or a plant, makes a great practical and stylish addition.



Forget about investing in costly building works, you can breathe new life into your home simply by adding a piece of furniture or a lick of paint. If you also give a nod to the latest interior trends, your house will feel instantly contemporary – and all without breaking the bank.

Alexandra Fryer, John Lewis's home design stylist, agrees. "When updating a space, it's important to think about areas that are easy to tweak. Cushions and artwork are a great way to bring a fresh feel into any room. These can be easily swapped out with seasonal changes or to match new trends that emerge throughout the year."

'Micro luxury' is one such trend which aims to add a high-end aesthetic to a space. A good starting point is to search out plush fabrics, rich textures and opulent accessories to give an upscale feel.

New from James Hare – a heritage company which dates back to 1865 – is Tiger Velvet. The fabric gives instant impact when used for upholstery as its unique, spray-dyed process captures the realistic essence of a tiger's patterning. "This is a velvet that is sleek, textural and tactile and gives a different perspective on the ever-popular animal prints that never seem to go out of style," says the brand.

Lighting is another way to add a touch of luxury. Julian Page, head of design at BHS, comments: "There's an increasing desire for lighting that looks as good



switched off as it does on. Bubble motif lighting gives a playful accent. The Emile light from BHS features spherical shades in half-opal and half-ribbed glass, allowing for a multi-functional use – as a piece of art as well as a functioning light."

Meanwhile, the Joy range of wall coverings from Omexco is a collection of standout designs that give an instant wow factor. You can use one of the bold graphic prints – which include geometrics, ➡

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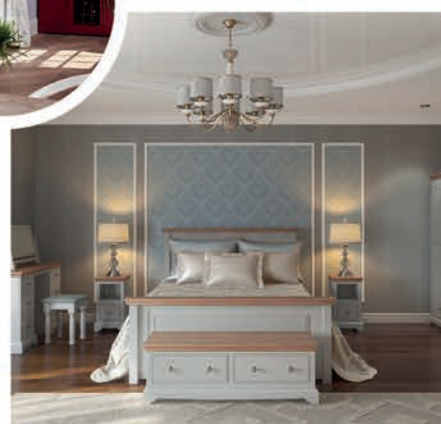


NUANCED APPROACH

Upholstery from James Hare (left) adds splashes of colour and texture, while these bubbly lights from BHS (right) bring some interest to an oft-ignored feature. Vibrant wall coverings from Omexco (above) could add an exciting new flavour



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FLOOR TO CEILING Revamp a room with sophisticated carpeting (Kingsmead Carpets, top right) or some beautiful tiling (Baked Tile Company, right); then top it off with gorgeous lighting (Industville, inset)



foliage and ombré designs – for a truly impactful look. The wallpapers are also printed on 100% recycled fibres, reflecting the company's long tradition of sustainable sourcing of materials.

This feeds into another leading trend for homeowners who are searching for more environmentally friendly options. Kingsmead Carpets has tapped into this with its new Thinking Beyond collection of carpets made from Econyl, a material manufactured with recycled elements like plastic bottles, and which utilises eco-friendly manufacturing processes.

Industville's lighting range also uses natural and recycled materials. With three core signature finishes and metals throughout its entire range – copper, pewter and brass – accompanied by blown glass, the brand has created a collection that matches many interior styles.

When it comes to flooring, The Baked Tile Company's terracotta range of organic tiles is available in a variety of looks to give an unmistakable rustic charm. "When you talk about terracotta, one thinks of handmade tiles moulded from simple clay, showing rustic imperfections," suggests the brand. "These artisan tiles have graced our homes for centuries, but to retain their beauty they require a lot of maintenance. Fortunately, our new type of terracotta-style tile requires no maintenance, as the body of the tile is non-porous and suitable for the modern home." ➡



FINISHING TOUCHES

Saffron Walden bathroom specialist Ripples provides some tips

A well-maintained bathroom can last upwards of ten years, but this doesn't mean you can't refresh it over time. There are lots of updates you can make to enhance and rejuvenate the space to keep it looking good as new. By opting for timeless furniture and part-tiled walls, you can repaint your space to give your bathroom a new lease of life. Incorporate your preferred trends through blinds and towels with different colours and patterns.

Another simple way to update your space is through accessories. There are so many special finish accessories these days, so you don't necessarily need to opt for chrome. You could experiment by mixing finishes, or choosing one finish for each accessory in the space, from towel hooks to the toilet brush holder. Satin gold, brushed bronze and even rose gold are popular choices right now and bring a sense of luxury.

For more info, visit ripplesbathrooms.com

DEVIL IN THE DETAILS

Try a splash of Mylands paint (right) – or a piece from the Painted Furniture Company (bottom). Kersaint Cobb (bottom right) flooring can renew any room, while Neptune's understated style (below) showcases teracotta colours



“Metallic paint can create a space that’s eye-catching and glamorous”



Looking for an instant refresh? The next top trend to take note of is saturated colours and bold statement pieces, which give real punch to a room’s scheme.

Paint company Mylands reports that its metallic gold paint has become its best-selling colour. Whether used wall-to-ceiling or to highlight smaller areas or accessories, the paint reflects light to imbue a space with a warm glow. Dominic Myland, CEO, says: “Mylands’ metallic paints are rich in colour and shine, which make them perfect as an accent colour, or even to paint a larger area. They can help create a space that’s eye-catching and glamorous.”

Meanwhile, for statement pieces of furniture, The Painted Furniture Company offers a selection of cabinets, chests of drawers and wardrobes that come in a

**SENSATIONAL SEATING**

Francesca Hadland, styling expert over at Bridgman, talks sofa accessories

1. Choose cushions and throws that reflect your personality. Bold colours create instant impact and neutral shades keep it calm and subtle.
2. Add a throw to your sofa to inject a pop of colour and texture. It can double up as a cosy blanket on chilly evenings.
3. Fold up your throw for a more refined look, or drape it over the arms of a sofa to keep things casual.



rainbow of vibrant hues. Interiors brand Neptune is also embracing the bold colour trend with a new paint hue, Rhubarb, for its cabinetry, lighting and accessories, inspired by vivid rhubarb stalks.

For flooring, Kersaint Cobb’s Moroccan stair runners aren’t only made from 100% sisal, a hard-wearing material for well-used spots, but come in a range of colours to add interest to often-overlooked staircase areas. Meanwhile, Stone & Ceramic Warehouse’s colourful Salerno tiles are double-fired, with a slightly undulated finish, so each tile has subtle variation. “They’re an update on the traditional metro tile, and with colour making a comeback for 2023, the bright shades of the Salerno tiles are perfect for making a statement,” says Jo Oliver-Singh, director at SACW. ●



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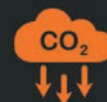
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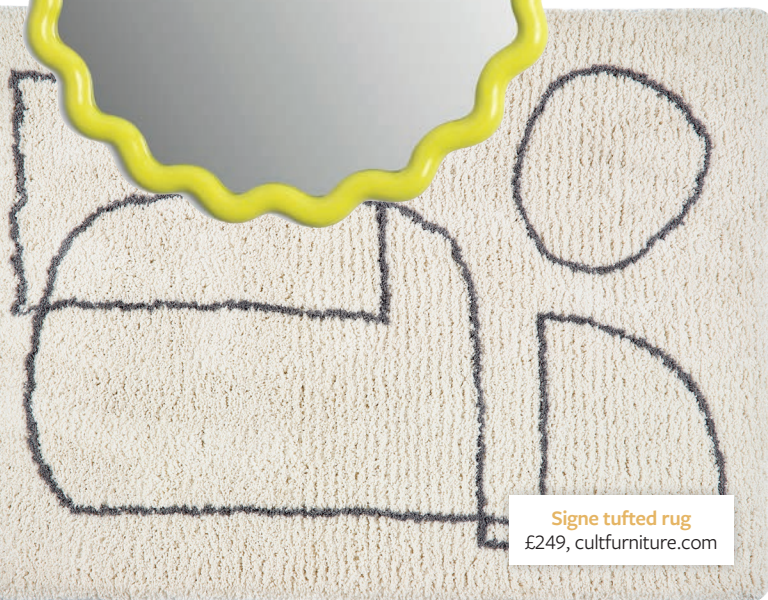
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Founded some two years ago in the midst of the global pandemic, INASPACE specialises in unique garden rooms, and was launched, in part, as a reaction to a time when all of our lives were restricted.

Based in Royston, near Cambridge, the company is the brainchild of brothers Oliver and Chris White. Oliver reveals more: “Back in May 2021, everyone was working from home, with many people making do with temporary workstations in their bedrooms, on kitchen tables and even in garages. People were spending all their time at home and needed more space. We saw a gap in the market for easy-to-install, affordable rooms that homeowners could use for offices or extra living space.”

INASPACE garden rooms can be installed just four weeks after ordering, require no planning permission and are portable. “This sets us aside from the competition,” remarks Oliver. “We offer a speedy service – so there’s no waiting around for months for the product – plus we offer flexibility and adaptability. If you move house, you can take the structure with you and have it reinstalled again. Your investment can travel with you.”

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one solutions
will transform
your garden

Having established White Space Creative in 2007, the brothers have a background in the exhibition and event space, and were familiar with the engineering needed for transportable structures. “We have designed, manufactured and built spaces for some of the world’s biggest brands,” says Oliver. “With INASPACE, we wanted to create an affordable, portable space solution to meet the changing world we’re living in.”

With a choice of three core models and three central colourways, ordering is easy and streamlined. “‘Simply, quickly and affordably’ are our buzzwords,” explains Oliver. “There’s no stress in the ordering process and every element of the procedure is efficient. Customers are not burning too many calories when they are making these decisions. The premise is that if you need more room at home, we have a solution.”

The company’s Room 6 – which has a 2x3m footprint – is the most popular choice of room and costs £11,495, including delivery and installation. The kit-form structure means that the components are small and so can be delivered easily via gated accesses, side returns or garages.



GARDEN LEAVE

INASPACE’s unique garden rooms are the ideal solution for those seeking more space at home. Angelina Villa-Clarke steps inside one to talk to the company

“While many people have returned to the office, hybrid working looks set to stay, with many people needing a quiet place to work at home,” says Oliver. “The most popular use for the rooms is as a home office, but many use them as a hobby room or summer house – somewhere to relax and read a book. The garden room may have become popular in the pandemic, but it’s here to stay. We have embraced alfresco culture in the UK.”

Going forward, the company has plans

to scale up, with a view to offering its garden rooms nationally. “It makes sense,” enthuses Oliver. “We can transport the rooms so easily.” They also plan to offer more custom options for

people to curate their designs.

In the meantime, INASPACE’s show space in Royston is a good place to start, with two garden rooms on display for customers to see. “We encourage anyone interested to come and get a sense of the space in the rooms. Have a chat and see how they look and feel – it is important. We have an open-door policy.” ●

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