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Designers Share Their No. 1 Home Project to Tackle First This Spring

Top interior designers reveal the spring updates they're prioritizing at home this year—from paint and wallpaper to patios, storage, and styling swaps.

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Spring has a way of making everything feel possible again, including [home projects](#). As the days get longer and the light gets brighter, even designers find themselves noticing spaces that suddenly feel tired, cluttered, or simply ready for a change. Rather than tackling full renovations, many are focusing on a [single project to improve everyday life](#) at home.

Some are [prepping patios and porches](#) for outdoor living, others are lightening up bedrooms or adding color and pattern in small but impactful ways. To inspire your own seasonal reset, we asked several top designers to share the one project they're prioritizing to refresh their own homes this spring.

Color-Drench a Room for Instant Spring Impact

A fresh coat of paint can completely shift how a space feels. “I’m planning on color-drenching my living room in a warm plaster-toned hue across walls, trim, and shelving for an enveloping effect,” says Olivia Botrie, founder of [Dart Studio](#). What began as a practical space is finally getting a layered refresh, starting with a richly patterned vintage-style rug that sets a warm, collected tone. She’s repainting the walls, trim, and built-ins in the same hue for a soft, immersive look, adding floral wallpaper to the backs of the bookshelves and even the ceiling for depth and whimsy, and reupholstering the sofa and chairs in more colorful, textured fabrics to bring personality and contrast. The goal is a living room that feels expressive, cohesive, and collected over time rather than decorated all at once.