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Spring Décor Trends

Put the kibosh on cold weather and welcome in the warm with stylish and sensible decorating trends you'll want to bring home. MSN Shopping's Style Editor [Shannon McCarthy](#) surveys the latest seasonal splendor for your digs.

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Hot & Cool Colors

[Purple](#), the reigning femme fashion hue, is also décor's darling. But use it as a bold accent, rather than saturating a space. This goes for the other bright colors on tap this season — yellow, orange and fiery red — they liven up a room in concentrated doses, like [throw pillows](#), [lampshades](#), or even a cushy chair or couch. Just make sure to anchor these flights of fancy with earthy neutrals or more delicate (yet equally stylish) shades like delft blue or gold-green.



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Bold Geometrics

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designs, or the strong squares we're seeing on printed items like rugs and mirror frames. Mid-century clean rectangles turn lamps into architectural displays, and fanciful [pagoda](#) shapes lend an air of exotica.



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Organic Textures

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Whimsical Prints

The [pineapple](#), that traditional symbol of hospitality, is *the* top print pick of the season. As with other strong design elements, it's probably best on accessories — a large accent pillow for the couch or a small lampshade pattern — rather than an overabundant harvest on the bedspread or wallpaper. Other trendy designs like [zebra print](#), stylized leaf shapes and oversized florals should be incorporated in the same way. Picture frames,

small rugs and pillow shams are easily changed with the seasons.



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