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DESIGN TIPS

Top Tips on Embracing Summer from an Austin Interior Designer

Celebrate the season with these breezy updates.

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Ready to update your interiors for the warm season? A native Texan and former denizen of Los Angeles, interior designer [Audrey Scheck](#) is well-versed in decorating to suit the sun. From choosing lighter fabrics to creating the perfect tablescape, read on for Scheck's top tips on seasonal styling.

1 / **Light and Airy Fabrics**

Swap heavy fabrics like velvet and wool for lightweight textiles that allow for better airflow. Opt for linen, cotton, or sheer materials in your curtains, bedding, and upholstery. These fabrics provide a sense of coolness while exuding a laid-back summer aesthetic—creating a soft, airy environment. While you're at it, choose lighter fabrics in softer, more neutral colorways to bring the feeling of the season even more into play. Layer neutral white and ivories with lighter shades of your favorite colors, such as sage green or denim blue.



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2 / Outdoor Living

With more time being spent outside, extend your living spaces to the great outdoors.

Create a cozy patio or deck area with comfortable seating, outdoor rugs, and a dining area for al fresco meals. Add cafe lights, lanterns, or candles to set a magical ambiance for warm summer nights. Firepits for roasting s'mores and gathering in the evening are another way to capitalize on exterior square footage. The goal is to make outdoor spaces an extension of your home by creating a symbiotic flow that encourages everyone to get outside.



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3 / Create a Coastal Oasis

Capture the essence of beachside living by integrating coastal-inspired elements into your space. Bring in touches of wicker or rattan, as well as driftwood-inspired furniture or accents to evoke a seaside ambiance. The lightweight nature of these materials instantly makes a room feel more light and airy, which is refreshing during the summer months. Draw on coastal-inspired colors like sandy neutrals and sky blue to lend a tranquil and breezy feel to your interiors.



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4 / Add Color & Pattern

Incorporating pops of color and pattern throughout your home will help evoke the cheerfulness of summertime. Textiles are an easy way to do this, and they can easily be changed with the season. To achieve a summertime feeling, try layering colorful or patterned pillows and throw blankets among more neutral furniture pieces. In the kitchen, citrus is an easy way to incorporate color.

5 / Create an Effortless Summer Tablescape

Need to host on a whim? Having these things on hand will help you create an effortlessly beautiful table: a linen tablecloth, fresh greenery, and candles. A linen tablecloth will set the foundation of a light and airy table, and fresh greenery is a quick way to incorporate texture and color. If you don't have fresh flowers on hand, consider foraging from nature. Some of the most beautiful arrangements are curated from backyards, which makes them even more meaningful.