



5 tips to *brighten* *your home*



A photograph of a living room interior. In the foreground, a clear glass vase holds a bouquet of white daffodils with bright yellow centers. The vase sits on a rustic wooden chest with metal handles. In the background, a light-colored sofa with cushions is visible, along with a lamp and a window with blinds.

Springify your room for an instant make-over!

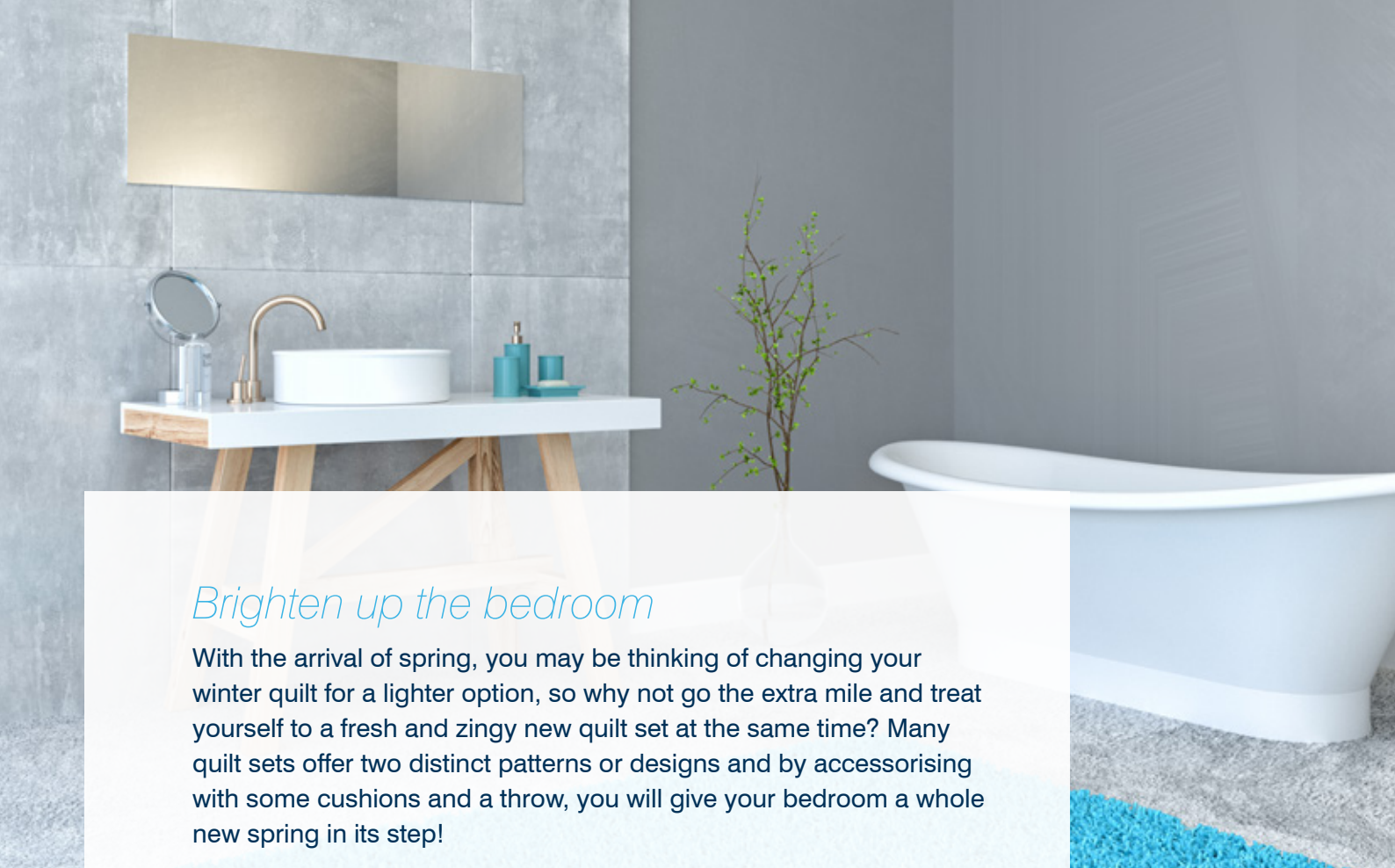
While it is not practical or cost-effective to completely change your décor with every season, it is definitely possible to add some simple touches to mirror the changes in the weather. Think of changing cushions (or cushion covers), throws and decorations to add an instant lift to your sitting room. Bring in some colour with springtime pastels or go for a bold injection of bright, zingy colours to herald the arrival of spring. Think about changing your curtains, especially if they are dark or heavy. No need to throw them away, just clean and store until autumn and let the spring and summer light shine in by putting up some sheers or adding some blinds.

Add some (plant) life

Springtime is all about blooming flowers, lush foliage and green grass. Bring the outdoors in this spring with some fresh additions to your houseplants and a lively pop of green! Of course, if you are not green-fingered, you can also get the same effect with some stylish artificial plants and flower stems. No longer the plastic look of years ago, many are indistinguishable from the real thing and you'll never have to worry about watering them!

Create a statement wall

If you can't bear the mess and upheaval of a complete room or hall makeover, why not consider painting one wall in a bright, seasonal colour? This will take a day, or at most a weekend, and you can be bold in your colour choice knowing that it's not a huge job to change when you feel like it. Once you have chosen your colour, pick out some accessories for the room that reflect the new shade and you will be amazed at the way it transforms the feeling of your space.



Brighten up the bedroom

With the arrival of spring, you may be thinking of changing your winter quilt for a lighter option, so why not go the extra mile and treat yourself to a fresh and zingy new quilt set at the same time? Many quilt sets offer two distinct patterns or designs and by accessorising with some cushions and a throw, you will give your bedroom a whole new spring in its step!

Breathe new life into your bathroom

Changing is an easy way to breathe new life into your bathroom. Even just replacing your shower curtain with a fun, colourful new design will give your bathroom a facelift. Swap dark curtains for sheers or some light wicker or bamboo blinds that allow a little more daylight to peek in while retaining your privacy, and add a new bathmat and some matching towels to finish your new colour scheme. You can add some storage baskets to hide all those odds and ends of shampoo, shower gel and shaving cream – you'll find a decluttered bathroom will instantly lift your spirits.

