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EDITOR'S NOTE

April is a month of transformation. The days stretch a little longer, the air carries a sense of renewal, and our surroundings feel ready for a fresh perspective. It's the time of year when we naturally gravitate toward spaces that feel lighter, brighter, and more inviting. As nature begins to flourish outside, there's a wonderful opportunity to bring that same energy indoors—to refresh, refine, and reimagine our homes with a sense of ease and elegance.

This month, we celebrate the beauty of a well-curated home—one that balances comfort with style, function with charm. Small but meaningful changes, such as introducing softer textures, updating colour palettes, or rearranging familiar pieces, can breathe new life into a space. Whether you're looking to embrace a more open, airy aesthetic or add layers of warmth and sophistication, spring is the perfect season to do so.

Good design isn't just about following trends—it's about crafting a home that feels effortless, personal, and timeless. A beautifully designed space should enhance the way we live, offering both inspiration and a sense of belonging. That's why, in this edition, we turn our focus to interiors that stand the test of time. From refined minimalism to classic elegance, each feature showcases spaces that are as enduring as they are inviting.

As always, we are grateful to share this journey with you. Your enthusiasm for design, your love of beautifully crafted interiors, and your continued support are what make this publication possible. We hope that within these pages, you find ideas that resonate with your own vision for your home—ideas that inspire you to create a space that is both stylish and comfortable, sophisticated yet livable.

Thank you for welcoming us into your homes, for your engagement, and for being part of this growing community. We look forward to bringing you more inspiration, more ideas, and more beautifully designed spaces in the months to come.

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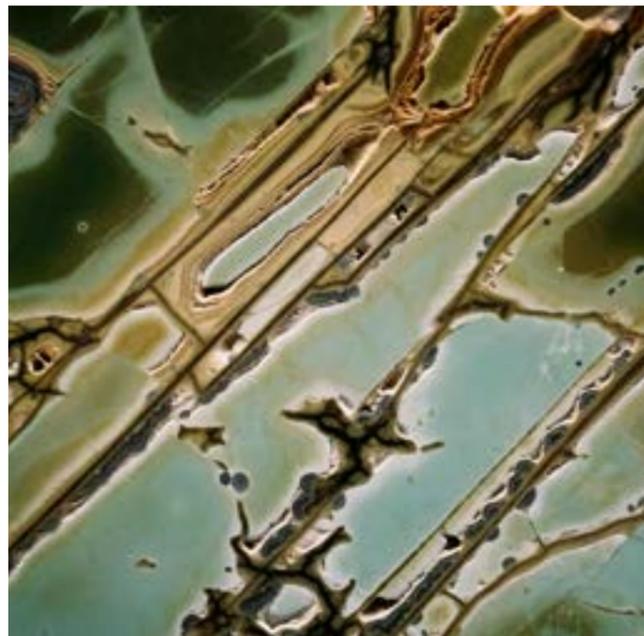
As spring breathes new life into the world around us, it presents the perfect opportunity to reimagine our interiors with a fresh yet refined approach. This season, the art of colour takes centre stage, offering a chance to embrace hues that not only reflect the lightness of spring but also exude a sense of enduring elegance. For those seeking to create an atmosphere of understated luxury, the combination of soft sage green and warm champagne is a flawless pairing—one that brings depth, sophistication, and a harmonious connection to nature.

Sage green has long been a favourite among interior designers for its ability to offer a calm, grounding presence in a space. Reminiscent of new foliage and the delicate hues of early spring, it is a colour that breathes freshness without overwhelming a room. In luxury interiors, sage green works beautifully on walls, upholstery, or accent pieces, creating an environment that feels both serene and effortlessly chic. When paired with natural textures such as linen, marble, or brushed brass, the effect is one of understated grandeur—welcoming yet refined. Whether introduced through soft furnishings, feature walls, or statement furniture, sage green offers a versatile foundation that complements both traditional and contemporary spaces.

To balance the cool sophistication of sage green, the warmth of champagne tones adds a touch of opulence, creating a setting that feels luminous and inviting. Unlike stark whites or bold golds, champagne carries a subtle glow, lending a soft, elegant radiance to any space. This hue works beautifully in fabrics such as silk and velvet, enhancing the sense of luxury with a gentle shimmer that catches the light. Champagne-toned accessories—whether in the form of sculptural vases, statement lighting, or plush upholstery—effortlessly elevate the aesthetic, offering a refined contrast to the organic freshness of sage green. Together, these colours create a space that feels fresh yet indulgent, modern yet timeless.

Incorporating this palette into a spring interior is about embracing balance and harmony. Layering these hues through a mix of textures and finishes allows the space to feel curated rather than contrived, lending a sense of effortless elegance. Whether in a grand sitting room or a serene bedroom retreat, the fusion of sage green and champagne offers a sophisticated nod to the season, proving that luxury need not be ostentatious—it can be as simple as the perfect pairing of colour and light.

As the season unfolds, there is something inherently refreshing about a home that mirrors the beauty of the world outside. Soft greens and warm neutrals create a timeless foundation that evolves effortlessly with the changing light of spring, offering a sense of peace and refinement in every corner. A well-designed interior is not just about aesthetics; it is about how a space makes you feel, and with the right colour palette, every room can become a sanctuary of comfort and style.



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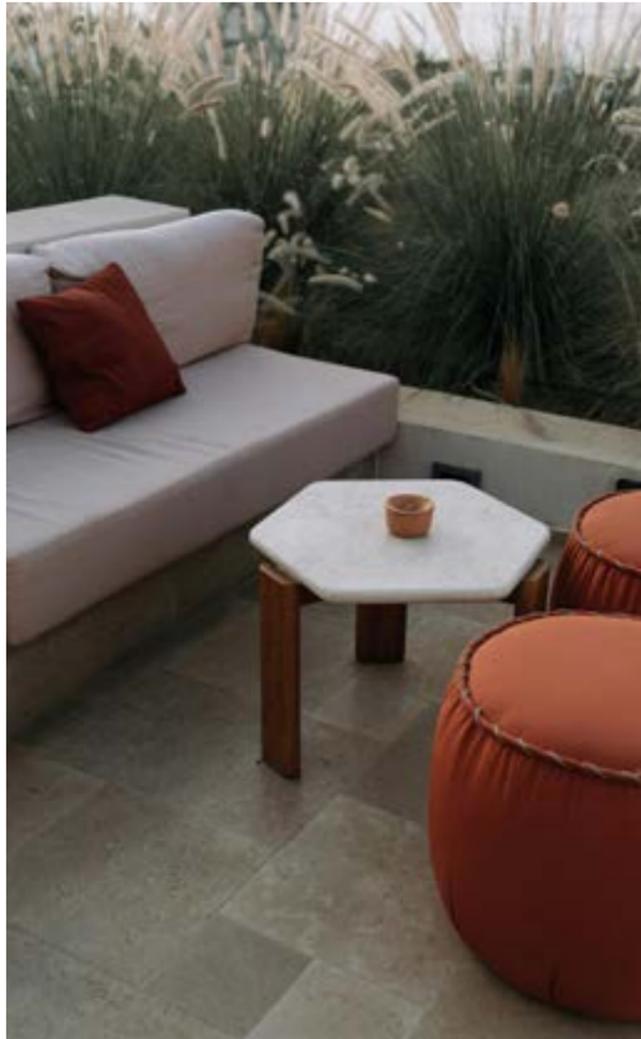
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Outdoor spaces, whether a sprawling terrace or a compact balcony, offer a unique opportunity to blend comfort with natural beauty. As spring arrives and the days grow warmer, these areas become an extension of our homes—inviting us to linger in the fresh air, bask in natural light, and enjoy moments of quiet luxury. Thoughtfully arranged seating plays a crucial role in defining the character of an outdoor retreat, transforming it into an elegantly curated sanctuary where design and relaxation coexist effortlessly.

The key to sophisticated outdoor seating lies in achieving harmony between aesthetics and function. A well-balanced arrangement should encourage both relaxation and conversation, with furniture positioned to enhance the flow of movement while framing the surrounding views. Low-profile, deep-seated lounge pieces foster a sense of tranquillity, while sculptural dining chairs and refined woven textures introduce an air of understated opulence. Whether for quiet solitude or lively gatherings, every seat should feel intentional yet inviting, contributing to a seamless, elevated outdoor experience.

Materials are essential in achieving both durability and luxury. High-quality teak, powder-coated metals, and woven rattan exude timeless elegance while withstanding the elements. Upholstery in weather-resistant fabrics such as soft linen blends or performance velvets ensures comfort without compromising refinement. Plush cushions, textured throws, and tailored piping add a couture-like finish, balancing structure with relaxed elegance. These carefully selected materials elevate an outdoor setting, allowing it to feel just as polished as an interior space.

To enhance the ambiance, layering different seating styles creates a dynamic yet cohesive environment. A statement daybed or sleek chaise longue offers the perfect retreat for moments of quiet relaxation, while a cluster of armchairs around a centre table fosters conversation and connection. Accent pieces such as ceramic stools, marble-topped side tables, and sculptural ottomans introduce depth and versatility, ensuring that every element contributes to both beauty and function. The addition of subtle lighting—through lanterns, wall sconces, or softly glowing candles—infuses the space with warmth as the evening sets in, allowing it to be enjoyed from day to night.

A well-designed outdoor seating area is more than just a place to sit—it is an invitation to embrace effortless open-air living. Lush greenery, fragrant climbing plants, and a neutral, tonal palette create an atmosphere of serenity, allowing nature to become an integral part of the space. With the right balance of comfort, sophistication, and thoughtful detail, a terrace or balcony can become a sanctuary of quiet indulgence, transforming everyday outdoor moments into something truly extraordinary.

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Spring Serenity: A Harmonious Blend of Texture and Light

This space is a masterclass in blending organic textures with architectural refinement, creating an outdoor retreat that feels both intimate and expansive. The natural light filtering through cascading greenery enhances the depth of the materials, casting soft shadows that bring the space to life. The interplay between smooth polished surfaces and raw, earthy textures—seen in the stone tabletop, wooden flooring, and exposed concrete walls—creates a sophisticated yet inviting atmosphere.

A seamless transition between indoors and outdoors is achieved through arched openings and glass doors, allowing the space to breathe while maintaining a sense of enclosure. The mix of structured furnishings, such as the modern sectional sofa, with playful accents like the sculptural hippo ottoman, adds an element of curated comfort. This unexpected yet charming addition proves that luxury interiors need not take themselves too seriously—injecting personality into a space is just as important as selecting the perfect fabric or finish. Lush plants soften the architectural lines, reinforcing the connection to nature. This design approach embodies the essence of luxury spring living—elegant, textural, and effortlessly harmonious.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Peace and Safety (Part 1)

Did you know that throughout the Scriptures it speaks about **peace and safety**? What is the biblical understanding of **peace and safety**? How and when can one obtain these? Where do they come from? Living in a world full of evil, wickedness and uncertainty, what are the challenges for mankind on a daily basis? Can there really be **peace and safety** in the world today? Let's have a closer look at what the Scriptures have to say on **peace and safety**.

According to a dictionary definition it describes peace as "the absence of war or hostilities. An agreement or a treaty to end hostilities. Freedom from quarrels and disagreement, harmonious relations". Another reference "a state of tranquility or quiet. A state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom. Freedom from oppressive thoughts".

In the book of Exodus chapter 14 and verse 14 it states "The LORD shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace". Job chapter 11 and verses 2 and 3 says "Should not the multitude of words be answered? Should a man full of talk be justified? Should thy lies make men hold their peace? When thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?" But in Job chapter 13 and verse 5 it notes "O that ye would altogether hold your peace and it should be your wisdom". Psalms chapter 4 and verse 8 is reassuring "I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety". Psalms chapter 28 and verse 3 declares "Draw me not away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts". Also in Psalms chapter 35 and verse 20 there is a warning "For they speak not peace, but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land".

According to Psalms chapter 37 and verses 11 and 37 they conclude "The meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Mark the perfect man and uphold the upright, for the end of that man is peace". Psalms chapter 85 and verse 8 reminds "I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints, but let them not turn again to folly". Psalms chapter 119 and verse 165 is refreshing "Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them".

In this world there is much deception. Psalms chapter 120 and verses 6 and 7 says "My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war". One who is wise will have peace. For in Proverbs chapter 11 and verse 12 it reminds us "He that is void of wisdom despieth his neighbour, but a man of understanding holdeth his peace". Proverbs chapter 12 and verse 20 clarifies "Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil, but to the counsellors of peace is joy". Proverbs chapter 17 and verse 28 states "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding". In Isaiah chapter 48 and verse 22 it confirms "There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked".



Yehovah (Jehovah or God) will keep his people in peace if they place their faith and trust in Yeshua (Jesus), His only begotten son. This is made clear in Isaiah chapter 26 and verse 3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee". Proverbs chapter 16 and verses 6 and 7 explains "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged and by the fear of the LORD, men depart from evil. When a mans ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him".

Peace in this world is fragile and does not last. According to Jeremiah chapter 17 and verses 9 and 10 it states "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings". But true peace can only be found in righteousness. Isaiah chapter 32 and verse 17 states "And the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever".

In contrast, Isaiah chapter 57 and verse 21 says "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked". Isaiah chapter 59 and verses 7 and 8 notes "Their feet run to

evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood, their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not and there is no judgement in their goings. They have made them crooked paths, whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace".

There is no peace in disobedience to Yehovahs (Jehovah or God) words of truth. Jeremiah chapter 6 and verse 14 states "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying peace, peace, when there is no peace", (these words are also repeated in Jeremiah chapter 8 and verse 11).

In Jeremiah chapter 23 and verse 17 it declares "They say unto them that despise me, the LORD hath said, ye shall have peace and they say unto everyone that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, no evil shall come upon thee". Also in Jeremiah chapter 28 and verse 9 it is made clear "The prophet that prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him". Ezekiel chapter 7 and verse 25 notes the consequences of not listening to the words of God "Destruction cometh and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none".

Zechariah chapter 8 and verses 16 and 17 says "These are the things that ye shall do, speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour, execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates. And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour and love no false oath, for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD".

John chapter 3 and verses 16 and 17 makes it clear "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved".

Luke chapter 1 and verse 79 states that Yeshua came "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace".

I hope you have learned more about the Scriptures. Next month I will continue with **Peace and Safety**.

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The Power of One Statement Chair: Elevating a Space with Bold Design

Sometimes, all it takes is a single chair to redefine an entire room. In a space where sleek black cabinetry, sculptural lighting, and polished marble floors create a foundation of understated luxury, it is the zebra-print armchair that captures immediate attention. It disrupts the monochrome calm with daring elegance, proving that a well-chosen statement piece can anchor a room, elevate its design, and become a true conversation starter.

This interior is a masterclass in balance—where modern minimalism meets bold expression. The black and gold accents exude refined opulence, while the airy drapery and soft lighting add a sense of warmth. Yet, it is the statement chair that gives the space its personality. The bold zebra print injects movement and dynamism, ensuring that the room feels curated rather than predictable. Positioned with intent, it draws the eye, inviting both admiration and interaction.

A statement chair serves as more than just seating; it is an expression of individuality, a focal point that brings cohesion to its surroundings while maintaining a presence of its own. Whether through unexpected patterns, luxurious textures, or sculptural silhouettes, a single chair has the power to transform an interior. In this case, it bridges the gap between modern sophistication and artistic flair, proving that true luxury lies in the details.

This space reminds us that great design is about taking risks, embracing contrast, and allowing one standout element to redefine the narrative of a room. With the right chair, a space is no longer just stylish—it becomes unforgettable.

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COLOUR DRENCHING

Colour drenching is the design technique of using a single hue—or variations of it—across multiple surfaces within a space, creating an immersive, cocooning effect. Unlike traditional accent walls or carefully curated pops of colour, this approach embraces saturation, extending colour seamlessly from walls to ceilings, skirting boards, doors, and even furniture. The result is a sophisticated, enveloping atmosphere that enhances depth, harmony, and mood.

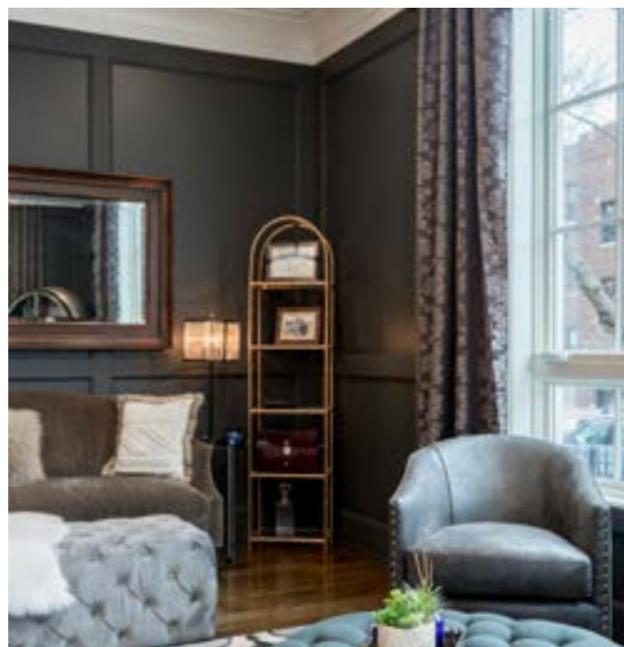
One of the key benefits of colour drenching is its ability to create a sense of unity and expansiveness. By removing stark contrasts, it allows the eye to move fluidly through the space, making rooms appear larger and more cohesive. Whether using soft neutrals for a refined, tranquil effect or deep jewel tones for a dramatic statement, this technique ensures a curated, considered aesthetic that feels both bold and effortless.

To maximise colour drenching at home, consider tone and texture. Matte finishes work beautifully for walls and ceilings, absorbing light for a velvety softness, while semi-gloss or satin finishes on woodwork create subtle contrast without disrupting the monochromatic effect. Layering fabrics, furnishings, and accessories in similar shades adds depth and interest—think rich velvets, soft linens, and hand-glazed ceramics in slightly varied hues.

Finding the right colour for your space starts with understanding personal connection and mood. Warmer tones such as terracotta, deep ochre, or rust evoke warmth and energy, ideal for social spaces, while cooler shades like sage green, muted blue, or soft lavender create a sense of calm, perfect for bedrooms or reading nooks. Testing different shades in natural and artificial light is crucial, as lighting can dramatically alter how a

colour appears throughout the day.

Ultimately, colour drenching is about embracing colour with confidence. It transforms a space into a sanctuary, whether through rich depth or soft serenity, allowing you to create a home that reflects your personality while feeling effortlessly luxurious and timeless.





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Golf is as much a mental battle as it is a physical one. The best players don't just master their swing—they master their mindset. Unlike fast-paced sports, golf gives you too much time to think, which can be a blessing or a curse. The ability to reset after a bad shot and stay focused on the next is what separates professionals from those who let frustration take over.

A key tool in a pro's mental game is routine. Watch any elite golfer, and you'll see the same pre-shot ritual—aligning the body, visualising the shot, and breathing to stay calm. This consistency keeps nerves at bay and prevents doubt from creeping in. Amateurs who skip this step often struggle with erratic performance, allowing pressure to take control of their game. Developing a reliable pre-shot routine helps create confidence and removes hesitation, keeping the mind engaged in the moment rather than dwelling on past mistakes.

Self-talk is another crucial factor in performance. Many golfers unknowingly sabotage their game with negativity, replaying missed putts in their head or assuming the worst before even swinging. Professionals train themselves to reframe their thoughts—focusing on where they want the ball to go rather than where they don't. This shift in mindset reinforces belief in their ability, and confidence often translates into execution. Instead of saying don't hit the bunker, they think smooth swing to the centre of the green.

A strong mental approach also means playing smarter, not harder. Amateurs often take on high-risk shots that even professionals would avoid. Instead of forcing an impossible recovery, elite players calculate risk versus reward, knowing that the right decision can save strokes over the course of a round. A well-placed layup or a safe chip to the middle of the green can be far more effective than trying to pull off a miracle shot with little chance of success.

Ultimately, the best golfers know that the mind controls the game. The ability to stay composed, trust in preparation, and make clear-headed decisions under pressure is what separates a casual player from a true competitor. Golf is not just about skill—it's about thinking like a pro.



TV NEWS

Here we are in April and the rain has eventually arrived. A couple of weeks of on/off rain has filled the reservoirs (officially no drought in Spain now) without too much serious damage as we saw in Valencia a while ago. This is the first few weeks we have not watered the garden in a number of years. What do your pets think of the rain? We have four dogs; two stick their nose out, look at us to stop the rain, then make a dash, do business and back in before they get wet, one will go out for a look around but soon back in and one seems to love the garden in the rain, staying out and getting his thick coat drenched!!!!

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We expect all you "petrol heads" have seen that F1 is back on our screens for the 2025 season with the channel name reverting to F1 from Dart, though darts tournaments will still be available on other channels.

That's it for April.... More TV news in May.

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CRAFTED BEAUTY

Spring is a season of renewal, light, and effortless elegance—a time when interiors embrace materials that feel organic yet refined, tactile yet sophisticated. In luxury design, there is a shift away from mass-produced perfection towards artisanal craftsmanship, where every piece tells a story. Handcrafted ceramics and textured glass embody this philosophy, offering a sense of authenticity and understated luxury that elevates any space. These materials bring depth and character, allowing a home to feel both curated and effortlessly inviting.

The Allure of Textured Glass: Light, Shadow, and Movement

Textured glass is a masterful way to play with natural light, creating a dynamic interplay of reflection and diffusion. Unlike standard clear glass, which can sometimes feel too sharp or clinical, textured glass softens the aesthetic, making spaces feel warm and layered. Whether incorporated into statement lighting, glass partitions, or sculptural vases, it enhances the ambience without overwhelming the senses.



One of the most captivating aspects of textured glass is its ability to change throughout the day, reflecting sunlight in the morning and casting elegant shadows by evening. In pendant lighting, frosted or rippled glass diffuses the glow, producing an atmospheric warmth that is both contemporary and timeless. In architectural details such as doors or decorative panels, it provides privacy while maintaining an open, airy feel. Even in smaller applications, such as vases or candle holders, the subtle movement within the material adds depth and intrigue, ensuring that no two pieces ever look quite the same.

For spring interiors, textured glass effortlessly suits both modern and classic designs, pairing beautifully with natural elements like linen, stone, and wood. It brings subtle glamour—refined, relaxed, structured, and fluid.

Handcrafted Ceramics: The Beauty of Imperfection

In contrast to the ethereal quality of textured glass, handcrafted ceramics offer a more grounded, tactile appeal. A beautifully glazed vessel, a sculptural lamp base, or an oversized ceramic planter introduces an element of warmth and depth that synthetic

or factory-produced pieces simply cannot replicate. These pieces carry the marks of their maker—subtle variations in form, tone, and texture that make them feel personal, collected rather than purchased.

The key to using ceramics in luxury interiors is thoughtful placement. A single, oversized ceramic vase can act as a sculptural focal point in an otherwise minimalist space, while a collection of smaller ceramic pieces can create layers of visual interest on a console or dining table. Textures range from ultra-matte, chalky finishes to rich, glossy glazes, each bringing a different energy to the room. In spring interiors, earthy tones and soft neutrals enhance the season's lightness, while deeper, more dramatic hues add a sense of contrast and balance.

The Harmony of Craft and Luxury

What makes handcrafted ceramics and textured glass so compelling is the way they bring a sense of artistry and craftsmanship into modern luxury interiors. They represent a return to slow design, where quality, intention, and timelessness take precedence over fleeting trends. Unlike mass-produced décor, these materials carry a sense of history and individuality, making a home feel more curated and connected to the world beyond its walls.

Their appeal is in their ability to bridge the gap between nature and refinement. Ceramics, shaped from raw clay and fire, bring an organic, almost primal element to interiors, while textured glass, with its shimmering interplay of light and shadow, introduces an ethereal elegance. Together, they create spaces that feel effortlessly balanced—grounded yet luminous, structured yet fluid.

Spring is the perfect time to introduce these elements, embracing their warmth, movement, and tactile beauty. Whether in bold statement pieces or subtle, decorative accents, handcrafted ceramics and textured glass transform a space into something far more than just a well-designed room—they create a home that feels personal, timeless, and beautifully lived-in.



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WELLSPRING

It's Easter time, a time for new beginnings and the gardens are coming alive with new blooms. As the kids are getting excited about the Easter eggs and the holidays, let us also remember the significance of what Easter really represents.

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after His crucifixion. It is a story of love and life. The Easter week comprises honour and praise followed by a day of deep dark sadness (Jesus' crucifixion) followed by Hope and Light (Jesus' Resurrection). So, the true meaning of Easter is about the love Jesus has for us and the hope and peace He gives to us. His death and resurrection allowed for us to have a meaningful relationship with our Father in heaven.

Sin broke that relationship, but Jesus repaired that by dying on the cross. Jesus' sacrifice and victory over death through His resurrection means we too can experience a new, eternal life in Heaven with God.

Easter is one of the most important and oldest festivals of the Christian calendar. It is a widely recognised holiday in many parts of the world. It is often celebrated in a secular way with the Easter bunny and Easter eggs. The humble egg represents far more than today's chocolate treats that we all love to eat, it represents new life. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb the egg symbolises new life emerging from the eggshell. (Mark 16:9 NIV Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene...)

So where does the Easter bunny fit in? He originated among the German Lutherans, as the Easter hare and was said to have played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or bad just as Santa does at Christmas. If children were good, he would deliver eggs to them.



So as Christians we love to celebrate Easter and this year, we at Wellspring will be holding a Family Easter extravaganza on the 19th April at 11am at The Condado Club, Condado de Alhama. It will be a day of family fun with games, crafts, mini disco for the children and plenty more fun for all. Come along and have some family friendly fun with us!

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NATURAL AROMA

A beautifully scented home creates an inviting atmosphere, making it feel fresh, clean, and relaxing. However, many commercial air fresheners contain harsh chemicals that can be harmful to health and the environment. Fortunately, there are natural ways to keep your home smelling incredible without synthetic fragrances. Here's how to achieve a consistently fresh and pleasant scent using effective, chemical-free methods.

1. Fresh Air and Natural Ventilation

One of the simplest and most effective ways to keep your home smelling great is by letting in fresh air. Open windows daily to allow airflow, removing stale odours and bringing in natural freshness. Placing a bowl of baking soda in rooms can also help absorb unwanted smells from the air.

2. Essential Oils for Long-Lasting Fragrance

Essential oils offer a natural and luxurious way to add fragrance to your home. A few drops of lavender, eucalyptus, or citrus oil in a diffuser will fill your space with a beautiful scent. You can also create a natural room spray by mixing water, witch hazel, and your favourite essential oil in a spray bottle for an instant refresh.

3. Simmer Pots for a Warm, Inviting Aroma

A simmer pot is an excellent way to naturally scent your home. Simply fill a saucepan with water and add natural ingredients such as citrus slices, cinnamon sticks, cloves, rosemary, or vanilla. Let it simmer on low heat, releasing a rich, comforting fragrance that lingers throughout your home.

4. Fresh Herbs and Indoor Plants

Houseplants not only improve air quality but also bring fresh, natural scents. Try growing fragrant plants like lavender, rosemary, or mint indoors. Fresh-cut herbs in vases, such as basil or thyme, can also add a subtle yet pleasant aroma to your kitchen and living spaces.

5. Natural Fabric Fresheners

Bedding, curtains, and upholstery can trap odours. Instead of using chemical sprays, sprinkle baking soda over fabrics, leave it for 30 minutes, and vacuum it up. You can also make a homemade linen spray using distilled water, a teaspoon of vodka, and a few drops of essential oil for a fresh, natural scent.



6. Beeswax Candles and Natural Air Purifiers

Unlike synthetic candles, beeswax candles burn cleanly and emit a light, honey-like fragrance. Additionally, placing bowls of activated charcoal or coffee grounds in problem areas can help absorb lingering odours.

By using these natural, chemical-free methods, your home will smell consistently fresh, inviting, and beautifully fragrant.

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- Every Day** Noah's Arc Dog Walking @ Mazarrón
- Every Mon** Market @ Alhama & Huerca Overa
Camposol Walking Football Club @ Pto de Mazarrón 10am-11am
- Forget Me Not Respite Care @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 10.15am
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Collection @ Camposol B Lower Car Park 10.30am-11am
Andrea's Animal Rescue Collection @ Camposol B Car Park 11am-1pm
- Every Tues** Market @ Alhama & Los Gallardos
Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am
Loose Woman on Tuesday Meeting @ El Chacho, Mojácar Playa 1.30pm
- Helping the Perrera Dogs Volunteering @ Mazarrón Perrera 9am
Helping the Perrera Cats Volunteering @ Mazarrón Perrera 9am
Noah's Arc available for donations @ Spar, Mazarrón Country Club 10am-12pm
GoMad available for collections @ Camposol A Car Park 10.30am-12pm
Qi Gong & Tai Chi on the beach. Meet at Samsara, Mojácar Playa 11am Proceeds to Donkey Charity
- Every Wed** Market @ Totana & Mojácar
Los Bandidos Run/Walk/Jog from Best Indalo Hotel, Mojácar Playa 8.55am
Los Bandidos Sea Swimming Club @ Boracay Beach, Garrucha 1.15pm
Climbing Workshop-Mothers & Children @ Mojácar 5.15pm & 6.30pm
- Every Thurs** Market @ Lorca
Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am
Camposol Walking Football Club @ Pto de Mazarrón 10am-11am
Los Amigos de Mazarrón FC Meeting @ Camposol A 4pm
Over 60's Memory Workshop @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar Pueblo 5pm
- Friends of Mazarrón Animals available for donations @ Pto de Mazarrón 10-10.30am
Forget Me Not Respite Care @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 10.15am
Mazarrón AA Meeting @ Cañadas de Gallego 5.30pm (Call 646 290 420)
- Every Fri** Market @ El Pareton, Garrucha & Puerto Lumbreras
Camposol D Bucket Collection @ The Hut, Camposol D 9.30am-12pm
Los Palacios Gardening Group Library @ Camposol A 10am-12.30pm
Climbing Workshop-Mothers & Children @ Mojácar 5.15pm & 6.30pm
- Line Dancing @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar 5€ 4-8pm (proceeds to Charity)
- Helping the Perrera Dogs Volunteering @ Mazarrón Perrera 9am
Helping the Perrera Cats Volunteering @ Mazarrón Perrera 9am
Noah's Arc Stall @ Camposol B Commercial Centre 9.30am-1pm
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Collection @ Isla Plana Social Centre 1-1.30pm
- Every Sat** Market @ Fuente Alamo, Mazarrón, Aguilas & Vera
Los Bandidos Run/Walk/Jog from Best Indalo Hotel, Mojácar Playa 8.55am
Guided Walking Route @ Mojácar 9.30am (950 615 025 to book)
Guided Visit @ La Bastida, Totana 10am/12pm from 2.50€
- Harlequin Rock Choir Rehearsals @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 1.30pm
- Every Sun** Market @ Pto de Mazarrón
Antique and Second Hand Market @ Cañadas del Romero 8am-1pm

Beach Dog Club Meeting @ Bolnuevo Beach 9am
Beach Dog Club Meeting opposite Pueblo Best Indalo, Mojácar 9.30am
Car Boot Sale @ Camposol A
Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am
Rastro Market @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar Pueblo
Guided Visit @ La Bastida, Totana 10am/12pm from 2.50€
Free Yoga Session @ Playa del Descargador, Mojácar 11am-12.30pm
Free Roller Skating @ Car Park by Playa del Descargador, Mojácar 11am-12.30pm (until May)
Dog Walking/Socialisation @ Turre (meet at Plaza Constitución) 7pm

APRIL

- Tues 1** April Fool's Day
- Monthly 'B' Clean Meeting @ Camposol B 4pm
- Weds 2** World Autism Day
- Thurs 3** Equimur International Pure Bred Horse Show @ IFEPA, Torre Pachecho 9am-8pm
- PAWS-PATAS Charity Bingo/Brunch @ The Snug, Mojácar Playa 10€ inc brunch 12pm
- Fri 4** Grand National Ladies Day
- Equimur International Pure Bred Horse Show @ IFEPA, Torre Pachecho 9am-9pm
- Sat 5** Equimur International Pure Bred Horse Show @ IFEPA, Torre Pachecho 9am-9pm
- Friends of Mazarrón Animals Pop Up Market @ Isla Plana Social Centre 10am-2pm
Age Concern Chair Yoga @ Age Concern Social Centre, Camposol C 5€ 11am
- Sun 6** Equimur International Pure Bred Horse Show @ IFEPA, Torre Pachecho 9am-7pm
St Nicholas Church Songs of Praise @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am
- Trex Andalucía Sanctuary Car Boot Sale/Spring Fayre @ Turre 11am-4pm
- Mon 7** World Health Day
- Tues 8** PAWS-PATAS Book Sale @ Scotty's, Mojácar Playa 10.30am-1pm
- Weds 9** St Nicholas Church Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 9.30am-12pm
- Thurs 10** Bando de la Huerta, Murcia
Fiestas de Primavera, Blanca
Ladies Chatterbox Meeting @ Camposol B
- Fri 11** INTERNATIONAL PET DAY
- "PAWS On The Paseo" fun dog walk from De Tap Room, Mojácar Playa from 10.30am
- Sat 12** Age Concern Spring Artisan Fair @ Camposol A 1€ 11am-3pm
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Maximum Robbie @ Mazarrón CC 15€ 7.30pm
- Sun 13** Palm Sunday
- St Nicholas Church Holy Communion @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am
- Thurs 17** Maundy Thursday (Spanish Holiday)
- Ladies Chatterbox Trip to Golf Deluxe
- Charity Quiz @ The Snug, Mojácar Playa 2pm
Age Concern Trip to Licor 43 Factory/Cartagena 40€
- Fri 18** Good Friday (UK & Spanish Holiday)

- St Nicholas Church Good Friday Service @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am
- Sat 19** Friends of Mazarrón Animals Adele Tribute @ Camposol Golf Club
- Sun 20** Easter Sunday
- St Nicholas Church Holy Communion @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am
- Mon 21** Easter Monday (UK Holiday)
National Tea Day in UK
- Weds 23** St George's Day
- St Nicholas Church Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 9.30am-12pm
- Thurs 24** Ladies Chatterbox Charities Open Afternoon
- Fri 25** Anzac Day
- San Marcos, Bullas
- Sat 26** Dutch King's Day
- Friends of Mazarrón Animals Spring Fayre @ Mazarrón CC
Noah's Arc Fashion Show/Entertainment @ Camposol Casa Club 3€ 12.30pm
- Sun 27** St Nicholas Church Morning Prayer @ Camposol D20 C/Sobrija 11am
- Vera Lions Party in the Park @ Parque El Palmeral, Vera 5€ from 12.30pm

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BEYOND WHITE

For years, the all-white kitchen has dominated luxury interiors, celebrated for its clean aesthetic and timeless appeal. However, a bold shift is underway, with rich, moody hues transforming the modern kitchen into a space of depth, sophistication, and character. Charcoal, forest green, oxblood, and deep navy are taking centre stage, replacing stark minimalism with a refined, contemporary elegance.

Dark kitchens evoke a sense of drama and intimacy, offering a striking contrast to traditional bright spaces. When paired with luxurious materials like veined marble, brushed brass, or fluted wood, these deep hues create an atmosphere that feels both high-end and inviting. Matte finishes further enhance the richness of colour, softening the overall aesthetic while absorbing light beautifully.

Beyond aesthetics, moody palettes are surprisingly versatile. Deep green cabinetry, for instance, pairs effortlessly with warm neutrals and natural textures, bringing an organic sophistication to the kitchen. Meanwhile, navy exudes quiet luxury when contrasted with crisp white stone or metallic accents.

This evolution in kitchen design reflects a growing desire for spaces that feel curated and personal rather than purely functional. By embracing bold, dark hues, homeowners can create kitchens that exude warmth, depth, and undeniable presence.






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BLUE LUXE PEAR DELIGHT

This elegant pear and blue cheese salad is the perfect combination of crisp, creamy, and nutty flavours. Start by preparing a base of fresh rocket and radicchio leaves, adding a balance of bitterness and peppery notes. Halve a handful of cherry tomatoes and slice a ripe pear into thin wedges for natural sweetness. Scatter in green grapes for a burst of juiciness. Crumble pieces of creamy blue cheese over the salad, adding richness that pairs beautifully with the fruit. Lightly toast some walnuts and flaked almonds in a dry pan until golden, then sprinkle them over for added crunch.

For the dressing, whisk together extra virgin olive oil, honey, Dijon mustard, and a dash of lemon juice, seasoning with salt and black pepper to taste. Drizzle over the salad just before serving. This vibrant dish makes a perfect starter or a light lunch, balancing freshness with indulgence in every bite.



GOLDEN CREAMY SYRNIKI

Syrniki are deliciously soft, golden cottage cheese pancakes, perfect for a comforting breakfast or a sweet treat. To make these fluffy delights, mix together fresh cottage cheese, an egg, a few tablespoons of flour, and a touch of sugar until a smooth dough forms. Shape the mixture into small, round patties and dust lightly with flour to prevent sticking. Heat a pan with a little butter and fry the pancakes over medium heat until golden brown on both sides, ensuring a crisp outer layer and a soft, creamy centre.

Serve warm with a generous spoonful of sour cream, a drizzle of honey, or a dusting of icing sugar. Fresh berries add a delightful tartness, balancing the rich, creamy texture of the syrniki. Whether enjoyed as a morning indulgence or an afternoon pick-me-up, these pancakes bring a taste of Eastern European tradition to the table, beautifully simple and utterly irresistible.



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Tremain and the team are back after a well deserved holiday and are looking forward to seeing customers old and new. We are also pleased to announce that **Torre Bahia Lounge** has retained its No1 restaurant in Mojácar on Trip Adviser and was also awarded the Travellers Choice Award in 2024.

This has been achieved by the attention to detail, having the same fantastic team, both front of house and in the kitchen, which ensures the quality of food and level of service are consistently high and you have the same fabulous experience whenever you visit. Using fresh locally produced food guarantees flavoursome meals every time. Reviews often mention the amazing service, fantastic experience, great atmosphere and, of course, excellent food.

Torre Bahia Lounge offers a stunning lunch menu consisting of 2 courses plus a glass of cava or a caña for 23.95€, which changes each season to take advantage of fresh produce available. The evening a la carte menu has a range of choices including gluten free, vegan and vegetarian options. The best Sunday roast in Mojácar is available between 1pm and 5pm (booking is a must) coupled with an amazing range of home-made desserts. All prepared by the passionate team of chefs and kitchen staff who have been there since opening and delivered by the same team, front of house.

Whats New at Torre Bahia Lounge?

The launch of the new website (<https://torrebahialounge.es>), where you can subscribe to get updates on everything at **Torre Bahia Lounge**. You will find information on menus, events, Christmas Day Dinner and New Year's Eve Party here, before it goes out on Facebook and Instagram.

The new online booking feature - you can now choose your favourite from one of the three seating areas to book your table. Once you have made your choice it will show you the available times and automatically assign a suitable table to you, meaning you can book a table 24/7.

So what does the future hold for Torre Bahia Lounge?

Menus will continue to change to suit the season and the customer requirements.

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Navigating Spanish property regulations hinges on understanding the difference between permanent and non-permanent installations. This knowledge is key to grasping why seemingly straightforward light glazed extensions require major licenses, despite their apparent simplicity.

Non-permanent fixtures encompass installations or building work that can be moved intact, without extensive disassembly or demolition. Examples include light pre-fabricated dog kennels and parasols. Additionally, structures made from materials that naturally deteriorate over shorter periods, usually 5-10 years, fall under the non-permanent category.

In contrast, permanent fixtures are those that resist easy relocation or rapid decay. This includes glazed areas, aluminium roofs and covered patios, intentionally designed for lasting integration. Material doesn't dictate permanence; for example, both wooden and aluminium roofs are considered permanent. Conversely, an aluminium parasol with wheels is deemed non-permanent by authorities.

Within Spain's legal framework, any permanent extension, regardless of its material, demands a major license if it:

- Features a roof, expanding the property's size and altering its exterior or semi-interior space
- Adds rooms or introduces new uses to the property, even if detached

The impact of permanent installations goes beyond the physical, extending to:

- Property Tax and Title Deed Alignment: As in the UK, permanent installations can affect billed rates and misalign with prop-

erty documents

- Habitable Conditions: Spanish regulations mandate ventilation and natural light access, which enclosures can compromise

- Legal Ramifications: Unauthorized permanent extensions may lead to fines or demolition orders, disrupting property transactions and devaluing assets

Thankfully, a solution lies in obtaining a retrospective license, available through qualified Spanish architects. This step safeguards unlicensed extensions from objections, regardless of future legal changes. Conditions for obtaining a Retrospective License remain consistent across regions:

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Tickets can be reserved by emailing goldenstarsmazarron@gmail.com. Purchase of tickets can also be made at Restaurante Mariano's in April, on Mondays between 11.30am and 12pm, or Thursdays outside Mister Print, Camposol A, between 11.30am and 12pm

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LASTING GREEN



A well-placed statement plant isn't just décor—it's an evolving, architectural feature that refines a space over time. In luxury interiors, mature plants serve as a quiet yet powerful testament to cultivated design, seamlessly blending with their surroundings while growing in stature and presence. However, true longevity requires more than basic care; it demands an intentional approach to ensure a plant matures gracefully, without losing its sculptural elegance.

The secret to keeping a plant looking impeccably composed for decades lies in controlling its growth rather than chasing it. Fast-growing species often become unruly, while slow-growing varieties like olive trees, Kentia palms, and rubber plants maintain their poised silhouettes with minimal intervention. Strategic pruning isn't about hacking away at excess foliage—it's about refining form, maintaining negative space, and allowing the plant's natural architecture to enhance the room rather than overwhelm it.

Repotting should be approached with caution. While novice plant owners may assume frequent repotting signals good care, mature plants thrive on stability. Upsizing too quickly disrupts the root system and can lead to stress, manifesting in yellowing leaves or slowed growth. Instead, repot only when necessary—typically every three to five years—using a vessel that complements the plant's scale without overindulging it in excess soil. Drainage remains critical; an elegant planter should never sacrifice function for form.

Beyond the pot, placement defines longevity. A poorly positioned plant will struggle, no matter how refined the aesthetic. Indirect light is often ideal, but understanding seasonal shifts is key—what works in winter may be too harsh in summer. Rather than constantly shifting a plant to chase optimal conditions, create microclimates within your space: sheer drapery to filter light, nearby water features or humidifiers to maintain moisture, and subtle airflow to prevent stagnation.

Nutrient balance dictates not just growth, but also foliage quality. Over-fertilising forces rapid, weak growth, diluting the very structure that makes mature plants desirable. Instead, opt for slow-release formulations that work with the plant's natural rhythm, mirroring the organic nourishment it would receive in the wild. Similarly, leaf care goes beyond simple dusting; misting should be deliberate, enhancing humidity without leaving streaks or water spots on broad-leafed varieties.

Owning a mature plant is a long-term commitment to refinement—an exercise in patience, restraint, and precision. When nurtured correctly, these green investments transcend trends, ageing as gracefully as the interiors they inhabit, proving that true luxury isn't about excess, but about longevity and the effortless mastery of time.

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FUR-PROOF FABRICS

Living with pets doesn't mean sacrificing style. Choosing the right fabrics can keep your interiors looking chic while withstanding fur, claws, and the occasional accident. The key is to opt for materials that are durable, stain-resistant, and easy to clean, ensuring a stylish yet practical home.

The Best Pet-Friendly Fabrics

Microfibre – Durable and Easy to Clean

Microfibre, also known as microsuede, is a top choice for pet owners. It has a tight weave that resists scratches, repels dirt, and makes fur easy to remove. Spills can be wiped away, and a quick vacuuming keeps it looking fresh. With its soft texture and variety of colours, microfibre is both practical and stylish for sofas and armchairs.

Leather – Stylish and Pet-Resistant

Leather is an excellent option for pet-friendly interiors. Pet hair doesn't cling to it, and most spills can be wiped away effortlessly. It's also odour-resistant and easy to maintain. However, leather can scratch, so opting for distressed or treated leather can help disguise marks. Regular conditioning keeps it looking luxurious.

Outdoor Fabrics – Tough and Trendy Indoors

Originally designed for garden furniture, outdoor fabrics like Sunbrella are incredibly durable, water-resistant, and easy to clean. They're perfect for pet owners, as they resist stains and don't trap odours. Many designers now incorporate outdoor fabrics indoors, using them for sofas, chairs, and pet beds.

Velvet – Surprisingly Pet-Friendly

While often considered delicate, synthetic velvet can be a great option. It lacks loose weaves, so claws don't snag, and pet hair can be easily removed with a lint roller. Opting for high-quality, stain-resistant velvet ensures both durability and elegance.

Canvas – A Tough and Washable Fabric

Canvas is a strong, durable material that works well for furniture covers, cushions, and pet beds. It doesn't fray easily, and many canvas fabrics are machine-washable, making them ideal for pet-friendly homes.

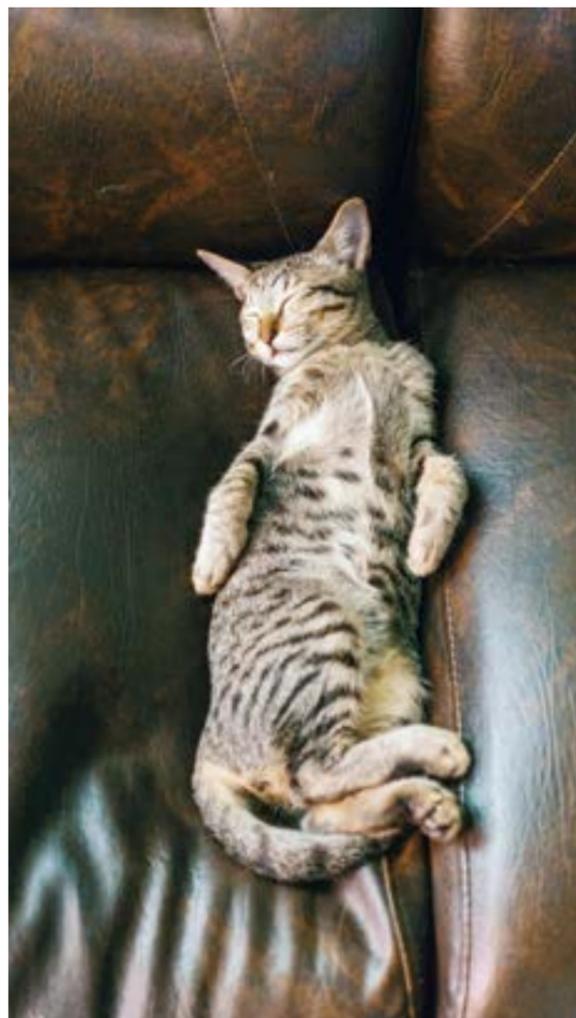
Fabrics to Avoid

Silk, linen, chenille, and tweed are not ideal for pet owners, as they stain easily, trap fur, or are prone to damage.

Final Tips for Maintaining Pet-Friendly Fabrics

Regular vacuuming and lint rolling help keep fabrics looking fresh. Throws and washable covers protect furniture, and using pet-safe cleaners ensures stains don't set.

With the right materials, you can enjoy a stylish home that stands up to the playful, loving chaos of life with pets.



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Joel's Corner: Stay Cool This Summer Without Breaking the Bank!

Hey there, friends!

Summer's creeping up fast and we all know what that means—long, sunny days and the battle to keep our homes cool without racking up a massive energy bill. But don't worry, I've got you covered!

If you're tired of cranking up the AC and dreading your electricity bill, now's the perfect time to look at two simple solutions: solar panels and efficient heat pumps. These upgrades not only keep your home comfortable but also save you money in the long run. Let's dive in!

Let the Sun Pay Your Bills

Ever noticed how your energy bill spikes just when the sun is blazing? Well, what if you could turn all that sunshine into free power? That's exactly what solar panels do!

Once installed, solar panels soak up the sun and convert it into electricity to power your home. So, instead of sweating over high cooling costs, you can sit back and enjoy the savings. And here's the best part—some places offer rebates or incentives to help cover the cost of installation, so it's more affordable than you might think.

Oh, and if your solar panels generate more power than you use? Some energy companies pay you for the extra electricity you send back to the grid. Not a bad deal, right?

Heat Pumps: Not Just for Winter

I know, I know—"heat pump" sounds like something you'd only use in the winter. But these bad boys work both ways! In the summer, they pull heat out of your home and keep things cool using way less energy than traditional AC units. That means lower electricity bills and a more comfortable home without that guilty feeling every time you touch the thermostat.

The Perfect Summer Combo

Now, imagine this: solar panels power your energy-efficient heat pump, keeping your home nice and cool while your electricity bill stays low. It's the ultimate summer hack!

If you've been thinking about making the switch, now's the time—before the real heat kicks in. Have questions? You know where to find me!

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