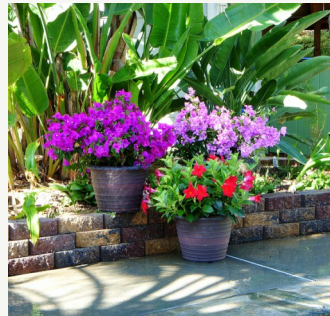


Use the 3 P's for an Instant Home and Garden Makeover

Looking for a trendy home and garden makeover that gives instant gratification and doesn't require a lot of time and resources? The latest trends in fashion and home decorating are drawing inspiration from the bright colors and laid-back attitudes of the tropics.

"Vibrant tropical colors are influencing home decor and gardens this spring and summer," says Doug Jimerson, editor-in-chief of gardening for Better Homes and Gardens.



Whether you want to makeover a deck, patio or porch, add some tropical flair by following the "three P's" of outdoor design: plants, paint and punch.

Plants

"New tropical plants are easy to grow for any outdoor space," Jimerson says. "With fantastic colors and foliage, it's simple to add splashes of intense color throughout your garden, deck and patio."

Jimerson suggests going big and bold with gorgeous blooms of colorful hibiscus that come in dozens of bright tropical colors.

"Whether you're planning a summer luau, graduation party or just want a restful retreat, decorating your backyard with easy care, sun-loving hibiscus offer a blaze of color for any occasion. Cut hibiscus flowers floating in water make an exotic centerpiece, and using the blooms as garnishes takes al fresco dining to the next level," Jimerson says.

New Bloomtastic! and Patio Tropics! tropical plants... CONTINUED PG. 2

A few words from the President/Broker, Amanda L. Grover, SFR

I am super excited to announce the addition of Salesperson Calvin Ruthven to our team! He earned his real estate license in 2003 and very quickly began dabbling in real estate! Calvin and I graduated from Penn Yan Academy together.

Looking back it's kind of crazy how things came to be. Back in high school, we used to "kid-around" that we'd end up having a business and/or working together someday. That actually began a few years after graduation when I

headed off to learn real estate and he began buying it! Calvin's reliability, professionalism, attention to detail and drive to close a deal are going to take him far. Crazy coincidence: Several years after I met my husband, we realized that he and

Calvin are cousins! No kidding - their grandfathers, of the Galens Family from Clifton Springs, are brothers. Small World!

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"WHAT YOU DO
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE, AND
YOU HAVE TO
DECIDE WHAT KIND
OF DIFFERENCE
YOU WANT TO
MAKE." — JANE
GOODALL

from Hines Growers, offer immediate color and impact for any sized garden, deck, porch or patio. Simply leave them in their pretty pots to add lush flowers and foliage to your outdoor spaces or grow them throughout your landscape for a pop of vivid color.

One of the best hibiscus varieties is Bahama Bay Hibiscus "Amazon Queen" with huge blooms that match the Pantone Color Institute color of the year, Tangerine Tango. Pair it with the new bright yellow Bahama Bay "Enlightenment" hibiscus and add some Tiki lights for a festive garden party or luau.

"People have already warmed up to mandevilla for splashes of intense color throughout gardens and outdoor spaces and use them to create a natural privacy screen on trellises and arbors. And don't be afraid to mix plants, colors and textures when decorating your outdoor spaces," says Jimerson.

Cool tropicals like desert rose have a unique bonsai-like appearance. Adenium Kissable Pink, Red and Blush come in eye-popping colors and striking flowers and best of all, can be overwintered indoors.

For a garden party in a pot, the new Bougainvillea Garden Party Patio Tree's multi-colored flowers bring tropical flair and a formal topiary ap-

pearance to gardens, entryways and outdoor living areas like patios and decks. To see a full range of tropical plants and more inspiration, visit www.hinesgrowers.com.

Paint

Paint is one of the easiest, most economical ways to create a tropical feel inside or out. Choosing a color that reminds you of the beach sets the theme for your overall design.

Margie Grace, of Grace Design Associates, and a member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD), advises not to limit painting to just walls. "Paint an old set of chairs Caribbean blue, containers coral red and sunshine yellow," she says. "Just remember when choosing a shade, tropical colors aren't going to fade into the background. They're going to make a vibrant statement."

An accent wall on a deck or patio painted in key lime or ocean blue instantly transforms a space. Carry the tropics inside with a less saturated color like a warm mango tone or pair a rich, intense color accent wall with neutrals.

If you want to turn up the heat, try one of the eight new Bambino and Babybino bougainvillea in rich colors for a blast of gorgeous blooms for

decks, poolside, patios and porches.

Punch

Adding tropical patterns and fabrics into your decor brings flexibility and endless possibilities.

Cushions in tropical colors, throw pillows with bold floral designs and tropical inspired linens on the table are an easy way to add punch to your outdoor decor.

Use a single pattern to underscore your tropical theme or mix things up with a variety of prints and stripes. Keep in mind the many patterns that fall into the tropical category, including floral, greenery, and ocean and beach elements. Think Hawaiian shirts.

Then kick it up a notch with a new intriguing Black Hawaiian Spider Lily, *Crinum Purple Dream*. "Crinum's exotic-looking dark purple almost black foliage and deep pink flowers on dark red stalks is trendy and looks nice mixed in the landscape or in containers," says Jimerson.

Surround yourself with lush tropical flowers and foliage for immediate impact and tropically inspired colors to turn your home into your favorite staycation paradise.

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"I love this time of the year. People's attitudes tend to be cheery and optimistic, the weather is warmer and open houses generally have a positive turn out. Personally, I've been able to get out kayaking 2x since the weather broke!"



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"Dan and I are looking forward to returning to my home town of Old Forge, Adirondacks for a visit with my family. My brother afforded us the opportunity to list a property of his in the Town of Webb. Within a couple weeks we had an accepted purchase offer. In this internet age we look forward to the chance to perhaps list more properties in the Old Forge area. With our terrific office manager Amber, and her incredible internet skills, we think Amanda Grover Real Estate has a big future!!! We are so glad to be part of a fabulous team at AGRE!"



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"Looking forward to the busy months ahead with my first born getting ready to graduate high school and go off into the world. Hope to get the boat in the water soon for memorial day."



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"I have been enjoying barbecues with family and friends and looking forward to doing some water activities once it warms up."



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Calvin is the newest agent at Amanda Grover Real Estate. He is a native of Penn Yan and is very passionate about real estate. We're happy to welcome him to the team!



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"Back to mowing, landscaping and more mowing! T^{is} the season. Traveling from our rentals, to the office, current flip houses weekly to keep up on things. Enjoying our daughter's first year of T-Ball!"

Camera Shy!

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"Currently getting my crop fields ready for the upcoming summer farm market season. Can't wait for the strawberries to ripen!"



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