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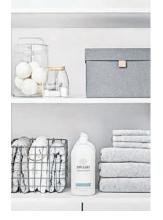


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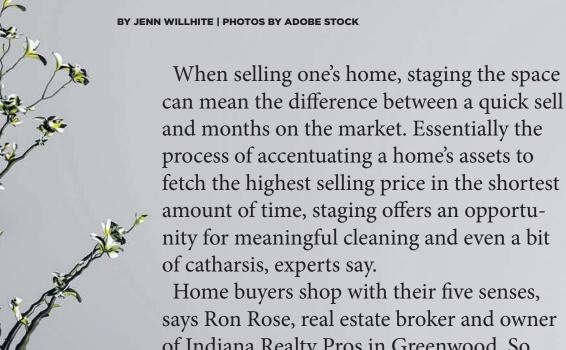
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Ready for your close-up?

Staging means making sure your house is clean and clutter-free before a sales showing



says Ron Rose, real estate broker and owner of Indiana Realty Pros in Greenwood. So, prior to putting a sign in your yard, it is essential to get your house in order.

Literally.

Don't wait for spring to begin de-cluttering. You don't have to necessarily invoke Marie Kondo and look for sparks of joy, but disorganization and clutter are a turn off and can detract from the space. However, as with everything, there are exceptions to the rule.

"Children's rooms, to me, are not as important ... that is the child's space," Rose says. "It is disruptive enough to be moving a child, but to completely strip their room down, I'm not in

favor of that. I leave the purples, pinks and zebras and whatever else; that is their space."

Remember, today's buyers don't wait for the realtor to show up and unlock the door to get a glimpse. If there is anything in your home you don't want seen on the world wide web, Rose recommends putting it away. Realtors regularly post pictures online and it stands to reason potential buyers may take pictures, too.

If you are a collector, say you have a

Nascar- or Disney-themed room, Rose recommends stripping it down to the bare bones.

"We aren't talking about a child's room anymore, but a collector's room," he says. "We are going to box that stuff up neatly and store it until we move. We can't have rooms that are overwhelming, because then you lose sight of the space."

Georgie Salazar, owner of Georgie's Organizing and Decorating in Bargersville, says de-cluttering also preps you for the move.

"There's two parts to the process," she says. "When people are moving, they come to a realization they don't need some things and don't want to take them when they move."

The ultimate goal with showing a home is minimalization but it is OK to leave a few boxes stacked in the open, if necessary.

"You want your house to look like a model home when you're putting it on the market," Salazar says. "However, people will see those boxes and know you're moving so it will be understandable."

However, that doesn't give license to take everything, box it up and banish it to the basement or garage, Rose warns. Similarly, don't move everything into the closets, drawers and cubbies either; those are fair game for buyers to explore, too.

"When we are viewing homes, we are looking in the pantry, closets and such," Rose says. "And don't stick everything in the garage to the point we can't get in, that doesn't work."

If your home needs some TLC, now may be the time to make

those improvements a reality. Flooring that has issues, including stains, holes or tears, should be replaced, Rose says. Similarly, look up.

"Check the ceilings for water stains," Rose says. "It is time to fix those things now. They need to make sure they don't have any leaks and paint the ceilings if necessary."

If the house is tired, paint it from head to toe, Rose says. No matter how hard homeowners try, houses have a smell.

Whether it be pleasant or otherwise, Rose says it is important to be mindful of odor and make cleaning the home top to bottom a priority prior to showing.

Whenever possible, avoid floral-scented plug-ins, Rose says. At best, the scent masks the odor but, at worst, it will make the scent more obnoxious.

"If they absolutely must use a plug-in, use the Gain-scented one," Rose says. "And use it sparingly and not in every room."

Those who have pets, like dogs and cats, might entertain hiring professionals to come in and do a deep cleaning, Rose adds.

"Unique pets need to be secured," Rose adds. "That is an interesting, attractive item for children to run up and tap the glass on a lizard's cage. We've had to manage that a couple of times."

And if you happen to have faux life-sized anything, including cardboard cutouts of superheroes and stuffed animals, it might be a good idea to put them up or give the realtor a heads up.

"There was a nearly life-sized stuffed tiger on the bed in a child's room once," Rose recalls. "And when we turned the corner to look in there, it was a startle."

Once you have a handle on the inside, focus on curb appeal. Use totes or containers to house toys and loose items outdoors, Salazar recommends.

"Throw all the toys in the bin," she says. "People won't necessarily look in the bin, it might be a mess, but the yard is cleaned up."

If the yard and landscaping need attention and you have the time, do the outdoor prep work yourself, Rose says. When time isn't on your side, hiring a local mowing company can accomplish the same goal, he adds.

Lastly, consider a professional finishing touch, Salazar recommends.

"The last thing is to hire a professional organizer to come in and put on the polishing touch," she says. "Where it looks visually pleasing to the eye and uncluttered."



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OFFICE SPACE

2023's top colors for painting your home office

BY HUNTER BOYCE, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION | PHOTO BY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A new year means a new look. With more people working inside of their homes than ever, now is the perfect time to consider giving that home office a new coat of paint. But don't just recoat it. Give it a new personality by using one of this year's top home office paint color trends.

HALE NAVY BY BENJAMIN MOORE

If you are looking for the best of both worlds, Hale Navy by Benjamin Moore offers a darker paint that still has enough colorful pop to level up your home office space.

"Bringing back color is something we are seeing strong for 2023," House Sprucing owner and principal designer Heather Fujikawa told Veranda. "Color drenching walls in darker colors is all the rage and we love this Hale Navy paint color by Benjamin Moore that brings the perfect hue of navy blue."

CITRUS

While inky blacks can give your home office depth, blotches of vibrant color can give it a more cheerful personality. One of the most popular options this year is citrus.

"Small shots of big citrus bring excitement to a space without creating visual overwhelm," interior designer Jackie Terrell told Good Housekeeping. "It's like a punchy-colored throw pillow for the wall. When used in a specific area of wall, it defines a space and everything looks good against this yellow green. Even beige!"

INKWELL BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Home offices are often given the smaller of the house's bedrooms, making space a valuable commodity. Luckily, dark colors can help make the most of that home office space.

"Dark colors in smaller spaces can pack a punch and make a huge impact just through tone and depth of paint," Miretta Interiors' Zandy Gammons told Elle Decor. "In this case, we created a focal point by using Inkwell, a really dark but neutral paint color. The art and other details make for a contrast that is more noticeable than if they were hung on lighter walls."

VIVA MAGENTA BY PANTONE

If you're looking for a real punch of color, go all out with a coat of Viva Magenta by Pantone.

"If your work relies on you being creative and full of energy, then Viva Magenta, Pantone's 2023 Color of the Year, is great for invigorating home offices and boosting your energy," Ryan McDonough, interior design expert at Myjobquote.co.uk, told House Beautiful. "Raspberry is also a color that's tipped to be big."



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BY JENN WILLHITE | PHOTO BY ADOBE STOCK

Garage doors are an essential part of a home's curb appeal and current trends in garage door fashion are leaning heavily into bold looks defined by distinct lines and minimal accents.

While black garage doors are making a bold statement for many homeowners in 2023, the vast majority of people seem to be sticking to nature's palate of earthy tones of gray and tan with some opting for white, says Shawna Dannettelle, with A-1 Garage Doors in Bargersville.

Requests for color are not uncommon, Dannettelle says, however, depending on the shade or hue, specialty tones can cost a pretty penny and often require a special order.

Steel and aluminum top the list of most popular materials for their versatility, durability and energy savings. Each uses either polystyrene foam cut to fit the door panels or polyurethane, which is hot poured into the panels to fill nooks and crannies, to offer three insulating options.

"You can get your steel on the outside and then foam on the inside with no backing," Dannettelle says. "You can get steel on the outside, then foam and a vinyl back or steel, insulation and another steel backing – which is the most popular option."

Wooden garage doors are nearly relics of a time gone by as no one really orders them anymore and those who do are looking at a hefty price tag with a turnaround of nearly 9 months to get the materi-

als, Dannettelle says. If price and time make natural wood a no-go, there's always faux wood-grain options that can be applied to steel and aluminum doors.

Raised panel garage doors are a traditional door comprised of lifted panels that create a three-dimensional effect, Dannettelle says.

Windows are always a great option to add personality to a door but they aren't cheap.

"You're looking at around \$500 to \$700 to put a row of windows in a garage door," Dannettelle says. "We put a lot of hinges on, like in the four corners, but not so much windows anymore."

Those whose hearts are set on windows no matter the cost are opting for a more modern approach of a steel door with windows that run down one side instead of across the width of the door.

Garage doors today require minimal maintenance with only a quick check-up of all the moving parts each six months, Dannettelle says.

When it comes to security, all garage door openers are wi-fi enabled across the board. Dannettelle says, as far as power goes when it comes to garage door openers, less is more.

"A two-car garage door doesn't need a heavy-duty opener unless they want to send their doors to the moon," Dannettelle says. "You only need a half-horsepower motor. Three-quarter horsepower is too much."



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WELCOME HOME

Unexpectedly useful housewarming gifts

BY STATEPOINT | PHOTO BY ADOBESTOCK

Attending a housewarming is a great way to celebrate a friend's new home, but how do you find the perfect present to accompany the visit? These unique gift ideas are not only bound to make a statement, they're incredibly useful to boot.

Fix-it essentials: For practicality at its absolute best, pack up

Fix-it essentials: For practicality at its absolute best, pack up some must-haves for the house. Include a hammer, screwdrivers and some Original Duck Tape brand duct tape to help your friends get all those initial DIY projects handled – and cover bases for any future projects and everyday fixes that may pop up.

Plant some love: Flowers are always a great way to brighten a day, but why not offer something that can brighten a space for years to come and grow with the household? Bring over a gorgeous houseplant or orchid for a gift that lasts and makes your friends think of you every time they see it. Tie on a sweet note and a ribbon for a fun, personal touch.

Organization must-haves: Create a welcome home gift that will prove useful for years to come. Put together a basket that includes all those essentials we sometimes forget, like high-quality hangers, drawer organizers, rubber bands and

paper clips for paperwork. Include additional essentials, such as Duck Max Strength Nano-Grab Gel Tape for securing miscellaneous items, photos and temporary seasonal décor, along with EasyLiner Brand Shelf Liner with Clorox for upgraded home organization.

Stock the bar: Wine is fine, but why not equip your friends with what they need to entertain in the future? Bring over a favorite spirit, mixer and cocktail recipe book to keep the party going. Round out this gift with a cute set of rocks glasses or drink shaker.

Take a photo: In the age of digital photography, you can help make memories more permanent. Bring your newly relocated friends a large empty photo album and toss in a few disposable cameras or instant film camera to start capturing the fun right away. Kick off the entries by including a cute photo of yourself!

Gift giving at a housewarming doesn't have to be stressful. By getting creative with a variety of useful items, you can help make a house a home while making a lasting impression on those you love.



SO LONG, NEUTRALS

2023's trends include bold colors, luxe textures

BY KATIE LAUGHRIDGE, TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE | PHOTOS BY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

After the past few years of nonstop neutrals trending, in 2023 we're anticipating a return of color in home decor, paint colors and bedding. With the return of color, we're seeing that creating sumptuous, inviting spaces is top of mind for designers and homeowners alike. There's a focus on creating restorative rooms, with a big trend toward creating luxurious bedrooms and reinventing modern takes on classic textiles.

Here are a few of our takes on the trends you'll see popping up like crocuses this spring season.

BOLD COLORS IN THE LIVING ROOM

Introducing color to your living room can sometimes feel as daunting as it does dazzling. While many might first run to throw a new can of paint on the walls, you might instead look to your furniture. A colorful sofa (or chair or accent table) is an exciting way to liven up a living space.

In this bold and beautiful design, a fern green sofa pops against the warm neutral tones in the pillows and rug. Typically when introducing color, I carry the theme throughout the design. But in this case, this statement sofa is bold enough to act alone. This earthy color story is the perfect backdrop to the dash of blue found in the skirted swivel chairs, artwork and tabletop vignette. Because these colors are all muted in tone, they don't feel overwhelming to the eye. It's a perfect introduction to color without going over the top.

KEEPING IT NEW TRADITIONAL

Bringing traditional into modern day, New Traditional style emphasizes the comforts and conveniences of modern life while still maintaining the refined elegance of traditional design. New Traditional furniture tends to favor shapes and styles that have stood the test of time, but often in a more streamlined presentation and lighter or more practical fabrics (enter: my love of performance fabrics).



In this inviting New Traditional design, the color palette is refreshed with lighter shades of classic blues and creamy off-whites to keep the look familiar but updated.

I find the painted wicker coffee table to be so interesting. This piece gets points for creativity and versatility. The shape could range from preppy to eclectic, depending on the space. This fantastic piece carries classic lines, a hallmark of New Traditional, but the scalloped detailing adds a dash of whimsy.

A TEXTURE-RICH SPACE

It's all about luxe spaces and touchable textures this season, though we'd argue that's a hallmark of good design that's never gone out of style.

In this look, the wooden texture of the spool chair and cocktail table add dimension to what could have been a textile-heavy space. If you're feeling more daring in your design, contrast may actually act as your

friend. It may seem counterintuitive, but going for high-contrast wood tones can actually work seamlessly. Playing with contrast adds visual interest and gives a design more depth while repeating shades gives the space a feeling of continuity. If your wood tones are all over the place, it can be helpful to create flow with your color palette. Pops of pinky-reds and blue are the anchor to this bold and refreshing living space.

FRESHENING UP THE TABLETOP

Black and white are a first-class combination. These colors have a classical appeal that adds instant sophistication, depth and character to any space. But what happens when we add a little green? When paired with black and white, green creates a wonderfully fresh, modern and energetic environment instantly.

This design is a flawless example. A block-printed runner in lime is the perfect pair to the texture found in the hand-painted dishes found at each place setting. A pop of light green in the stack of dishes is enough to carry the color through the space, but not enough to over-

whelm the design. Carrying the lush verdant color throughout the tablescape is the addition of a fresh fern. The color palate is expertly finished off with natural wood tones, lending to the casual modernity of the space.

A DELICATE DESIGNER BED

Shining like a crown jewel, this month's designer bed is created by our lovely designer, Anne. It features crisp neutrals with just a dash of color, which can be found in the Asian toile and tape trim.

LUXE BEDROOM LIVING

While we prepare for spring as the weather remains chilly, we love to play up neutral plaids and pop them with an earthy yet rich mossy green. A dash of cow hide (a printed fabric, not the real deal) adds a touch of whimsy in this otherwise sophisticated look.



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HEALTHY HABITS

5 tips to make your home clean and comfortable

BY FAMILY FEATURES | PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

If you're like most Americans, health is an important aspect of your resolutions when each new year rolls around. While factors like diet and exercise are keys to healthy living, so are the ways you care for your home and belongings.

Your home living environment plays a major role in your health and comfort, so incorporating some new habits like these from the cleaning experts at Swash Laundry Detergent can help you establish a healthier lifestyle.

CONTROL AIR QUALITY

Especially during the winter months when your home tends to be closed tight, air can grow stale. Do your best to keep air quality strong by opening windows on mild days to circulate fresh air, using an air purifier to remove irritants and pollutants, frequently vacuuming and sweeping to keep floor dust and debris under control and regularly cleaning textiles that can trap allergens and other particles.

SCALE BACK DETERGENT USE

Using too much laundry detergent isn't just risking buildup and unnecessary wear on your washer and dryer; it can also increase the residue and buildup in your clothes, which can lead to skin irritation and damage fabric faster. Using only what you need helps protect your belongings and your skin.

An option like Swash Laundry Detergent, which features a Precision Pour Cap, dispenses the detergent for you, so you only pour what you need to effectively clean each load and fight stains. A single bottle of the ultra-concentrated formula —- available in Simply Sunrise, Free & Clear and Pure Linen scents — washes up to 83 loads while taking up less space than traditional, bulky detergent bottles.



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USE NATURAL LIGHT

When winter brings day after day of dark, dreary weather, it can take a toll on your mood. Brightening your living space with natural light can positively influence your emotional state while helping with your electric bill. If you're concerned about privacy, utilize window treatments at night, but let the sunlight bring good cheer to your living spaces during the day.

SWITCH BEDDING ON SCHEDULE

While you sleep, your body sheds oils, cells and elements you carry into your home like pollen. Sheets should be washed once a week on the hottest water setting your fabric will tolerate (check tags for laundering directions on your sheets before washing). If your schedule makes weekly washing, drying and remaking the bed unrealistic, consider having a couple sets you can rotate so you always have fresh, clean sheets waiting to remake your bed on laundry day.

WORK UP (AND WASH OUT) A SWEAT

The materials that keep you feeling cool and fresh by wicking away sweat can quickly get stinky, but over-washing can make them lose their shape and fade.

Even so, washing after every use is a must. Washing workout clothes inside out exposes the surfaces that have absorbed sweat and body oil to detergent and agitation. Be sure to close zippers, buttons, clasps and other fasteners to prevent snags. Pre-soaking with equal parts vinegar and cold water can also help eliminate odors, and washing in a gentle, cold-water cycle and drying on low heat can help protect the fabric's elasticity and wicking properties.

SPRING SPRUCE-UP

Warm weather chores to tackle soon

> BY FAMILY FEATURES PHOTO BY ADOBESTOCK



After months spent largely indoors while harsh elements battered your home's exterior, many homeowners are throwing open the windows and embracing spring's arrival.

Every home requires ongoing maintenance to ensure it's living up to its aesthetic and functional best. This checklist can help you create a comfortable home setting for enjoying the warmer

CHECK GUTTERS

During the colder months, debris can accumulate in the gutters, which can be problematic when spring rains arrive. Clogged gutters prevent water from flowing efficiently away from the roof and house. When they're backed up, they can cause water damage in a short amount of time. Faulty guttering can also cause slow leaks that lead to damage you may not discover until major repair work is needed. Properly functioning gutters are clear of debris, flow freely and are securely attached to the home.

INSPECT THE ROOF

Your roof takes a real beating in all kinds of weather conditions. Making it a common practice to carefully inspect the roof with the change of seasons can help you identify potential problems while they're still in early stages, before a big storm hits and major damage occurs. Some roof issues can be addressed with simple repairs you can do yourself while others may require a professional. A roofing expert can help you determine whether any trouble areas can be patched or if a more complete restoration is in order.

REPLACE THE DRYER VENT

Upgrading your dryer vent is an opportunity to conserve energy and prevent flammable lint build-up in your dryers. One option for updating the exhaust system is a paintable version of InoVate's Prime DryerWallVent. Engineered for both vent replacement and new construction, the vent includes features such as a gravity-assist damper, integrated magnets and a drip edge to provide extra protection from the elements as well as pests. Look for a vent with a large, clean opening and lightweight angled damper promote exceptional airflow efficiency.

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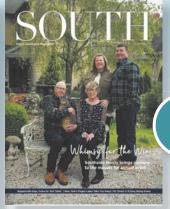
Your heating and cooling system works hard to keep your indoor climate comfortable when extreme temperatures make the outdoors unbearable. That's why it's important to have your systems serviced by a professional, and spring is a smart time to do so before they're hard at work throughout the warmer months. Service can correct problems and ensure everything is operating efficiently, which can lead to money savings as well.

REPAIR WINDOW SCREENS

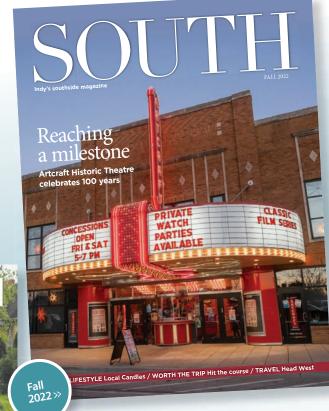
Throughout the winter, your home's window screens can accumulate a layer of dirt and grime that isn't just unsightly; it blows indoors when you open the windows to welcome a fresh breeze. What's more, if your screens have rips and tears, pesky bugs and other critters can make their way into your home more easily. Cleaning and repairing your screens can make your home more secure and help protect your indoor air quality.







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