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Tip Sheet



An Ounce of Prevention

Take time this fall to prepare your leather furniture for the cold, dry weather to come. Clean and condition with Guardsman Leather Care product. Crafted in Italy by expert leather professionals, Guardsman products clean and protect your fine leather furniture to restore and maintain their rich look and feel.



Celebrate the Season

Welcome the harvest season by reflecting its bounty in your home décor. Now is the time to swap out summer's blues and greens for nature's browns, reds and oranges. Achieve this easily with a floral arrangement for your cocktail or dining table. Instant autumn!



Go For Bold

Create a focal point with a large, bold print on an area rug, says Paula Quattrin of McLaughlin Home Furnishing Designs. "Ground your neutral sofa with lots of color on your rug, or choose black and white, even if your walls are red or green," she says. "Don't be afraid to choose big splashes of rug color, even if it doesn't match your walls. Design is more of a mix than a match."

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Explore The Possibilities

McLaughlin's Home Furnishing Designs has a newly designed website full of design ideas for your home. Learn about its American-made furniture and home accessories or save money with current store promotions. You can even design the room of your dreams online. Visit www.mclaughlins.com or a McLaughlin's retail location in Southgate (734.285.5454), Novi (248.344.2551) or Lakeside (586.803.8108).

Live Large By Thinking Small Create big impact with a few simple changes

Overcome by ho-hum in your living spaces? Stop yawning and create a big punch with just a subtle change. "People often think they have to redo a whole room to get a new look, but that's not true," says Paula Quattrin, interior designer with McLaughlin's Home Furnishing Designs in Southgate. "Replacing just one piece or even challenging the scale of a room can create dramatic impact and make you love your home again." Check out Quattrin's top mini-makeover design tips.



SHIMMER IN A NEW WAY with glass and mirrors. "If you have used brass to shine in your rooms, try glass for something

different," Quattrin says. "It might be a crystal lamp, or a mirrored bookshelf or cocktail table. Think outside of the box."



SOFTEN UP by adding an upholstered headboard to your bedroom. "By layering a new texture into your room, you really freshen up the look of your existing dresser or chest. One little change can make the room shine in an unexpected new way," Quattrin says.



SUPERSIZE your smallest spaces by adding oversized artwork as a backdrop, Quattrin suggests. "Or choose a bold print on a small furniture piece, like a chair or an ottoman, or both," she says. "Reevaluate scale. Surprise yourself with something big and fun to really maximize your home's tiniest spaces."



ACCESSORIZE WITH ART objects for an instant refresh. "Think beyond framed pictures, and choose an oversized clock or ceramic sculpture to add drama and texture," Quattrin says.

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