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# FABULOUS FALL INTERIORS



**As we look to fall,** we move indoors and begin to enjoy our interior spaces. We cozy up by the fireplace, host more family gatherings, entertain more and generally seek to freshen up our interior spaces. Recently, we met with 10 top area interior designers to talk shop. Below, they offer a few simple tricks of the trade for sprucing up your interiors without doing a major overhaul or breaking the bank. You're welcome.

# An insider insight on how to refresh your space

“Modest changes can help a homeowner create a cleaner, fresher and more updated space. One can upholster traditional furniture in a modern or crisply woven fabric. The right paint color can dramatically change a space. Adding a modern chair, light fixture or object can give a tired room a new look. New pillows can dramatically change a room. A more streamlined look can emerge by editing and simplifying what one already has with adding a few new elements.”

**One key piece** to give a room added appeal: “Modern light fixtures can work wonders to update a space.”

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“Color and pattern are immediate greeters. If you change out the wall color or add wallpaper, it’s amazing how different the overall feel of a room will be. If a client is only looking for a refresher and starts with a neutral palette, I love to pick a new color and carry it through. By adding accessories, throws, pillows and art in that color, the new scheme immediately comes to life. Now, throw in a new pattern and it’s an immediate refresher.”

**One key piece** to give a room added appeal: “Accessories! These can make or break a space.”

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## COLOR STORIES:

“A pop of color can add excitement to a serene and muted room. An accent wall in paint or wallcovering can also be a great highlight.”

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“In addition to subtle colors, clean lines and organic elements are taking center stage—natural fibers, to grasscloths, to geodes and selenites to post-modern furniture—all exude calm, which is welcomed by all.”

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“The ‘less is more theory’ always seems to work. One singular beautiful accessory, sculptural fixture, or an outstanding piece of art always make a powerful statement. I lean towards clean lines in upholstery and bring texture and color in through other design elements. Scale is incredibly important when updating a space, especially with lighting. When considering a lamp, don’t be afraid to go slightly larger than expected. It adds drama and mood to the room.”

**One key piece** to give a room added appeal:

“A large, low vessel filled with double white orchid plants always looks so sophisticated.”

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## COLOR STORY

“We are seeing blues in all ranges. From navy to teal to steel blue (but never baby blue). We are also continuing to see new takes on traditional patterns done in modern ways— both in scale and materials—including metallics, printed grass cloths, and different woods incorporated into wallpaper as well. It’s a very exciting time in design!”

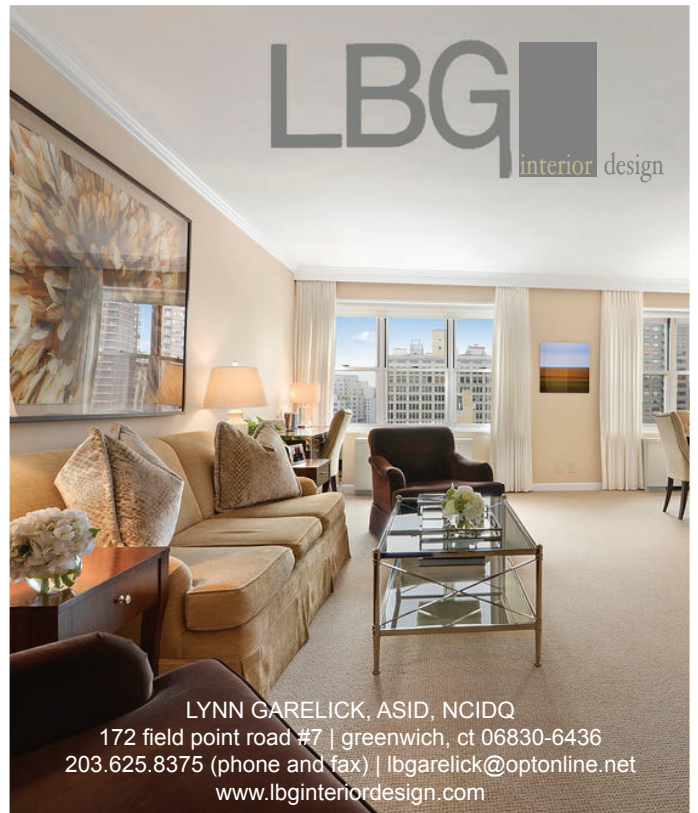
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