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# Ask Kohelika

## Winter To Spring

As the cold and bleak weather takes our leave, throw in some colour – not only into your wardrobe but also your home

It's not possible to change upholstery every season. The challenge then is to create a "transformation" while retaining the bigger elements. The good part is that generally most homes have neutral-monochromatic furniture, which allows the homemaker some versatility.

● **Offset The Décor Fatigue** Reversible cushion covers are a great option to go with – a local tailor can easily sew these up for you; buy two different kinds of cloth complementing different seasons. Even sofa sets – depending on the style – may be refreshed in a similar fashion.

● **Play Up Colour** Even as you pack up the warm throws that brought colour to your winter décor, think on how you can do a 'Holi' theme – introduce some bright colours. An easy way is to buy a piece of vibrant art for the walls – the street markets in all cities present exciting, affordable options. Another is to bring in the blooming outdoors – whether birds of paradise or anthuriums or even simple daisies; these add colour and warmth to any home.

● **Eclectic Floors**

In the winter months we all like to have thick double-knotted plush carpets under our feet. However, the summers open up the possibility of rolling out lighter and cheaper spreads, which



are generally more vibrant as well. I like chattais, particularly the vegetable-dye variety from Kerala. Kilims and durries work well too – best to buy cotton or jute; avoid wool blends.

● **A Spring Setting**

Give a thought to the table settings as well – I have always found that chikan work is an excellent choice for spring time. For instance, white and blue crisp chikan table mats, or if you wish to be bold, raspberry coloured napkins – looks especially striking when paired with simple white crockery.

**Be Unpredictable** As the seasons change, remember this – normal is boring. Today home décor is all about being eclectic and retro. Don't worry about everything matching – if it looks good to you, then *it is!*



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