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Fresh News on Color & Design, Trends & Tips

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Before

After



How to wake up those sleepy builder beige walls...

"I yam what I yam," said this home, all freshly painted & ready to sell, but it looked somewhat ho-hum. My mission was to add excitement while working with the existing creamy walls. I needed eye-popping high-contrast colors in the furniture & accessories. Like Popeye, this room needed some magical "spinach" to burst forth with muscle & power that defied human comprehension.

...add some Pop-Eye & Olive Oil

My "olive oil" couch with black & ivory (not pure white) chairs & accents provided much-needed drama. The zebra rug & bench created the eye-popping burst of power & punch.

Notice the fireplace transformation?

more photos on my website

Fireplace Makeover...

BEFORE: The brick was rosy toned and the floor tile was rust colored...they didn't work together in any way. I gave the homeowner my "secret" strategy for transforming the fireplace brick color (without using paint) for a **completely natural appearance**.

AFTER: The floor tile & fireplace screen's frame were transformed with black paint. The secret to the fireplace brick, you ask? Semi-transparent exterior stain!



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Special Announcement:

Pantone's 2011 Color of the Year is... (drumroll)... **Honeysuckle**: a vibrant warm pink hue symbolizing optimism & a rosier outlook for the new decade. Great for fashion & interiors, appealing to all ages, it inspires inner motivation to "Go ahead & make it happen."



VIGNETTES



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Need a Speaker? Ellie is a sought-after speaker on Color Trends 2011-2012.

Ellie's Presentations Coming up...

- [CRDA - Canadian ReDesign & Staging Assn:](#) Jan 13, 2011
- [Valley Women's Network - Surrey:](#) May 25, 2011
All women welcome, pre-registration required to attend luncheon \$25. More details upon request.

Ellie's Recent Presentations...

- [City Stagers - Metro Vancouver](#)
- [PRES: Professional Real Estate Stagers](#)
- [West Coast Women's Show](#) - Abbotsford BC



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SMALL TOUCHES COMPLETE A BATHROOM



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Sprucing up a small plain white bathroom:

- 2 coordinating art pieces
- 1 curvy black wall sconce with candle
- black vase & black picture frames
- silver accents
- a hint of color with teals & grayed greens in art & greenery arrangement
- white towels



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