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# THE ONE-DAY HOME MAKEOVER

We've all been there. You walk into your living room and — gasp! — how long has it been looking like this?

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What looked fine yesterday, thank you very much, is today completely outdated and tasteless — and (oh my gosh!) the neighbors are coming over tonight and this can't possibly do!



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**W**hether you just have a wild hair or your spring cleaning has uncovered a stuffy space, you don't have the time for a total renovation right now. Have no fear! We spoke with three of Greenville's top interior designers — Cynthia Masters of Panageries, Dustin Fowler of Fowler Interiors and J. Marc Schreckengost of JMS Atelier — to help you perform a one-day home makeover.

### Fireplace refresh

The fireplace is a great place to freshen up your home in an easy and unexpected way.

"After you've had your fireplace cleaned and inspected after the long winter, take advantage of the soot-free space by evenly stacking white birch logs for a clean, fresh look," Masters says. "They even make white ceramic logs for gas fireplaces, which look gorgeous for spring and summer. Or you can remove the logs altogether and use candles or a basket filled with greenery for a fresh spring feel."

### Large plants

Adding a large or tall houseplant can add color and life to a tired space. Schreckengost suggests a palm or umbrella tree planted in an interesting pot for added impact.

### Bold lamps and throw pillows

Smaller pieces like lamps and pillows in bright colors are available for immediate pickup and at any budget.

"The foyer is a great place to make a quick but impactful update to your home because it's typically a smaller space, so the scope is more manageable, and it's the very first impression you make on your guests," Fowler says. "So if you were to take those very simple brown lamps you've had there for 10 years and replace them with bright citron-colored lamps, it would completely change the space."

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Clockwise from top left: Birch logs give a fireplace a lighter look for spring and summer; accent pillows introduce new colors, patterns and textures to a space; matelasse coverlets are chic, affordable and the perfect weight for warmer weather; paint or wallpaper on a ceiling can add drama and interest.

Photograph on page 43 courtesy of Dustin Fowler.



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### Rearrange furniture

Changing the layout of a room can be a subtle — or dramatic — way to give new life to tired spaces. So roll up your sleeves and start moving furniture around. A trick to make your space look bigger? Pull all the furniture away from the wall three or four inches. Just be sure to leave enough space between furniture corners so people can move comfortably around in search of their perch.

### Rugs

Another easy way to refresh your home for the springtime is to swap out your heavy wool rugs for a lighter weight flatweave in dhurrie or sumac.

“Both Capel Rugs in Greenville and Rug & Home in Gaffney have great options at a variety of reasonable price points,” Masters says. “But don’t toss the wool rugs. Store your nice, thicker rugs for the season so you can do a reverse refresh this fall.”

### Create negative space

Just like good artwork, you need to have negative space to enjoy the things that are great.

“The biggest mistake I consistently see is too much — not knowing when to say when,” Fowler notes. Just like you do in your closet, identify the pieces you love most and donate or consign the rest. That way your standout pieces will take center stage and you’ll have a less-cluttered space.

### Paint or wallpaper the ceiling

Why do walls get to have all the fun? Schreckengost suggests you add interest to the ceiling with paint or wallpaper. Thanks to the rise in temporary wallpapers — self-adhesive peel-and-stick papers that are easily removable — the mess associated with the application and removal of wallpapers can be avoided for those looking to make quick changes.

### Bedding and duvets

In the winter, we often use heavy duvets on our beds. But with

warmer temps on the way, it’s time to lighten up and change the feel of your bedroom at the same time.

“Ditch the down comforter for a lighter coverlet in matelasse,” Masters says. “This bedding isn’t very expensive but offers a nice, fresh look. Almost any home store like Pottery Barn or Restoration Hardware will have options on hand.”



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