



Layer a selection of playful patterns and colourful cushions together in warm hues for a Mediterranean look
Dried flowers in a rattan basket, £8; **wall art**, £3.50; **candle**, £3.50; **dried flower terrarium**, £3; **dried flower bunch**, £3; **photo frame**, £3.50; **duvet cover set**, £11; **cushions**, from £3.50 each, all Primark



Lalaloi tassels pillowcase, £22.99, Amazon Handmade

Lainey stool in Blue, £26.99, Wayfair

TROPICAL PATTERNS & fruity motifs

These will transform your home from the same four walls you've been surrounded by for the last year into a summery paradise. Pick two or three key colours and use them throughout your scheme for a stylish and cohesive look. Sticking to a tight budget? Painting the walls or introducing new furniture will take up the biggest portion, but smaller pieces such as new bedding, cushions or throws can still make an impact.



Hosting a dinner party? Impress guests with a colourful tablescape – it'll be the talk of the table. Zesty tones are a summer staple
Round wipeable placemat, £20, Wild Child



SUMMER SWAPS on a budget



Mustard chevron cotton knitted throw, from £29.99, Homescapes

Striped cotton chair pad in Off White and Dark Honey, £21, Grey Star Interiors

Hawthorn Yellow paint, £24.50 for 0.94L, Benjamin Moore

Introduce vibrant colours and tropical patterns to your home without splashing the cash this season

As we move into the summer months, our minds can't help but turn to new season buys – all those brighter tones, lightweight bedding and new sets of tableware grab our attention. Even a fresh lick of paint on the walls can help boost moods, and as we are finally able to host again, it seems this is the season to get your homes looking and feeling refreshed ready for guests once more. Home updates don't have to cost the earth, though. Here's our pick of the swaps you can make without breaking the bank... 



Lemons tray, £29.95, Annabel James



Agra faux floral large palm plant, £30, Habitat



Turn your bedroom into a holiday escape with bright and bold maximalist-style bedding
Tantalizing Tropical bedding, from £12 for a pair of pillowcases, Joe Browns



Orange velvet fringed lampshade, £24.99, Homesense

Jute rattan rug, £30, Home Luxe Co.



Palma gin glasses, £22.50 for two, Oliver Bonas

£20
and under

Pop a smile on your face with some motivational quotes on your walls – keep an eye out for prints on trips away to bring home as souvenirs

Take it Easy, Life is Good and 'Bloomin' Beautiful prints, from £15 each, Eleanor Bowmer

Central Park cushion in Teal and Gold, £19, Fishpools

Velvet table lamp in Teal and Brass, £20, BHS



Bora Bora print tea towels, £16.50 for two, Oliver Bonas



Cherries wine glass, £6.50, Cath Kidston



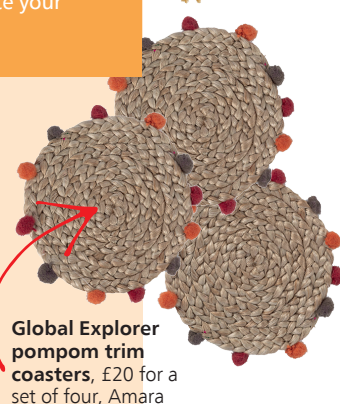
Truly Tropical table runner, £20, Joe Browns

COLOUR & pattern

These play an important role when decorating our homes, especially in the summer. To avoid getting overwhelmed when choosing a theme, recall your cherished memories in the sun and try to incorporate them into your design – whether it's a nod to special holidays, popping uplifting quotes on your wall or even introducing your favourite scents into your home to invigorate your senses and boost feel-good vibes.



Lemons cushion, £14, Next



Global Explorer pom-pom trim coasters, £20 for a set of four, Amara



Tropical Starfruit medium jar candle, £20.99, Yankee Candle



Rainbow rug, £14, Primark

▲ Blackout blinds aren't just a practical purchase. Turn them into a statement piece by selecting a vibrant hue for the slats
Bella blackout vertical blind in Vine Green, from £14.14, Swift Direct Blinds

£10
and under



Majari washed cotton pillowcase, £9 each, La Redoute



Large Lemon platter, £7.50, Marks & Spencer



Don't forget to spruce up all of your rooms this summer. A new set of towels can instantly lift the look of a bathroom without any DIY
Coloured towels, £9.99 each, M&Co



Les Agrumes No. 1 poster, from £9.95, Desenio



Natural eucalyptus spray, £6.99, Fishpools

START TO THINK outside the box

Summer swaps don't have to just be about the inside of your home; garden dinnerware can play an important part in transforming your space, too. Look out for crockery made from bamboo or recycled plastic – not only better for the environment but suitable for al fresco dining! Make a strong connection between your interiors and exterior by adding more plants indoors and creating an inviting scheme outside with pretty fairy lights and comfortable cushions.



Avoid any nasty cracks in your ceramic crockery with a full set of serveware that's suitable for outdoor dining – opt for bright colours for a boost!

Homespun serving bowl, £5; **disposable Striped napkins**, £1 for a pack of eight; **Homespun small tapas bowls**, £1.50 each; **Homespun salad servers**, £2; **Homespun chip and dip tray**, £6; **Homespun large plate**, £3, all Wilko

Turquoise pitcher, £7.99, TK Maxx



Life is Fantastic Rainbow mug, £10, Eleanor Bowmer



20 LED multicolour rose outdoor micro lights, £8.99, Lights4fun



Leopard cushion, £8, Wilko

Marea bowl in Blue, £8, Dwell



Banana Leaf doormat, £5, Dunelm

