



Fall arrives and now it's time to plant (and decorate)

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I can not believe fall is here already. Our evening sunsets are starting to be earlier and earlier each day. Pumpkins and cornstalks for fall decorating have arrived and mums are starting to pop with color. That's the signals around a garden center that autumn is knocking on our door.

As I write this, it's 80 degrees and not very fall like. It seems the warmer temperatures will continue for awhile with a cool down to start as soon as next week. Who knows? If you watch three different forecasts, you'll get three different predictions.

At any rate, now's the BEST time to plant. Fall is for planting and fertilizing. Plants can produce up to 60% of their root growth in the next weeks. Cooler evenings slow top growth and warmer soils allow roots to flourish. Stronger roots mean a better, healthier plant.

It's time to fertilize that lawn with a fall fertilizer such as Fertilome's Lawn Food plus Iron.

A feeding now and again in early October will strengthen the lawn like no other feeding. Hard to kill weeds such as clover, ground ivv and creeping charlie should be sprayed now with Bonide brand 'Weed Beater Ultra" or Fertilome brand "Weed Free Zone". Both products contain carfentrazone which is the best weed killer for cooler temperatures. Add some spreader sticker to the mix and vou'll get 10 times better results. Clover has created a shield which repels liquids off its leaves. Spreader sticker is kind of a glue which adheres to the leaves allowing chemical to enter the leaves and kill nuisance weeds while allowing grass to remain unharmed.

It's also a great time to overseed your lawn or repair bare spots. Fall rains help reduce maintenance and cooler nights slow weed growth down so good. new seed does not have to compete for moisture and sunlight.

I love the saying, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the next time is now!" Fall plantings of trees and shrubs will allow a few roots to get established before winter which in turn will allow them to flourish when spring arrives. Planting a shade tree or ornamental tree with flowers will enhance vour landscape. Less maintenance is needed as typically we get autumn rains. The cooler days and nights are less stressful on plants and they adapt easier. Staking of trees should be done during fall plantings just in case we get some extreme winds. It's a good ounce of prevention, pound of cure mentality.

Evergreens also transplant well now. If your looking to create a natural fence for privacy or block out some neighbors with a cluster

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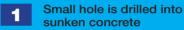
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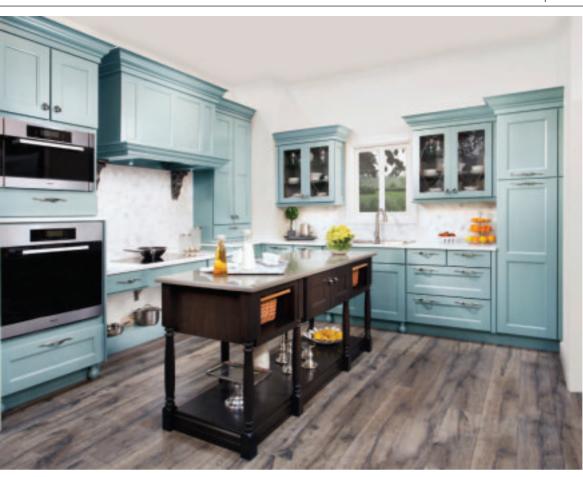


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Living in Color

(Family Features)

When picking a color for cabinetry, personality and lifestyle are essential considerations. Gray and white cabinets are options for the modern active living lifestyle, whereas green and blue tones may work better for a more eclectic existence.

Whichever way you go, colored cabinetry is more than just a trend: it's a design approach that is here to stay. That's why careful planning is necessary when you set out to redesign the kitchen. After all, this essential living space is an area where you spend plenty of time, so it should feature visual elements and colors you find appealing.

White kitchen cabinets have dominated the market for many years. White cabinetry is constant, safe and classic. However, reports from designers and data on market buying trends are showing a slight shift in painted cabinetry design from classic white to pops of color.

"We know kitchen cabinetry is an ever-evolving dynamic, but we also believe certain trends are more constant and everlasting," said Angela O'Neill, director of marketing and advertising at Wellborn Cabinet. "We trust consumers and we believe they have spoken and have spoken very loudly in regard to painted cabi-

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The current styling trend, reflected in Wellborn Cabinet's latest colors, is a marriage of traditional and contemporary finishes, materials and fabrics equating to a classic, timeless design. Beloved white is now making way for trending warmer tones featuring shades of grav, green and blue.

A Calming Effect

Letting your personality show through with color in the kitchen doesn't have to mean going outlandishly bold. Paint hues like aqua, mint and olive can all set the stage for a calm, inviting atmosphere. Each of these shades provides a mild taste of colored cabinetry, imparting an effect that is subtle but bold enough to make its presence known.

Mink Grav

Exploring shades of gray is another way to develop a unique look. Some shades result in a calm, tranquil effect. However, if you're looking for a more dominant color, an option like Mink

Grav from Wellborn Cabinet gives the feel of a much warmer space. Minimalists swoon over this classic vet clean gray because it isn't overpowering, and the timeless color adds to the transitional styling of cabinetry.

It All Started with White

It's true that white cabinetry set the pace for painted cabinetry, and it's likely to remain a popular option for homeowners. Remember, though, that not all whites are the same and different shades can elicit a different design motif entirely. Cabinets in shades of white are enduring and versatile, appearing in cottage, traditional and even modern kitchens.

Also remember that although it's simple, there's nothing dull about white cabinetry. Embrace the classic white spacious kitchen in vour home but take it up a notch with brass lanterns, a round dining table and fabric-covered chairs.

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Choose the Right Cabinet Color

Once you've made the decision to add colored cabinets to the kitchen, there's an obvious next question: which color? With so many options to choose from, you may need to answer some basic questions to narrow down the field.

Bold vs. Subtle

If you're looking for a dramatic change, a bold approach may be the perfect solution. Just remember that a bold space can border on overly bold. It needs to be a color and shade that you will continue to enjoy over time. On the other hand, if you're set on adding color but not sure something so vibrant will do, a softer shade of that color may offer a more subtle solution.

All Over vs. Accent

Consider whether your vision calls for paint on all of your kitchen cabinetry, or if you're simply looking to create a standout feature. A color that looks terrific

as a focal point may overwhelm if it's applied throughout the room. so evaluate which of the options you're weighing is best suited to the use you have in mind.

Fit Within the Home

In many homes, the design style flows from one room to the next. It's important when making a major change like colored cabinets to understand how the new style will fit with the rest of the house. For example, whether it will complement or contrast, and if it contrasts, ensure that's the look vou're truly going for.

Completing the Design

Another often-overlooked consideration is how you'll complete the room once the cabinetry is installed. Think about the rest of the woodwork, other finishes like backsplash and flooring, and dining furniture in the space. Also consider your appliances and any decorative items you may wish to



add. Ensure the color vou're considering will fit with the other elements. If it doesn't, you may have to consider upgrading those features to achieve a cohesive look.

If you're still having trouble narrowing down your selection, many designers recommend selecting an inspiration piece and designing the rest of the room, including the cabinetry, to complement it.





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Winterize your windows with Raise-N-Drop

With cold months approaching many homeowners will be sealing their windows with shrink-wrap plastic film. The yearly project can be daunting and very time consuming. Elvria entrepreneur Jay Jerome has come up with a solution to make this job easier. His product is called Raise-N-Drop, it allows you to use the same window film, tape every year.... and you can leave that hair dryer in the bathroom, Raise-N-Drop is made up of thick, tear proof, crystal clear window film that can be saved and installed each year. You only need to trim it once, and it doesn't pull the paint off frames when removing. With Raise N Drop you slightly over size cut the film to fit the outside perimeter of your window frame. Apply glue to the top of the frame first then gently press the film against the glue. Glue the bottom of the frame and gently pull the film truant and press against glue. Do both sides in the same manner. If you make a mistake the glue at this point has a low tack and the film can be re-positioned unlike double faced tapes. Wait four

hours then shrink the film with a hair dryer. Then you can cut the film to precisely fit your frame. In fall reapply the glue back onto the lower portion of the frame, lower the film then press back onto your frame to reseal. In spring apply two small dots of glue to the two top corners on the film face push, raise the bottom of the film above your operating window and press the film to the glue dots. Thumb tacks or push pins could be used to secure the film as well. The slight residue of the invisible glue on the lower portion of your frame can be easily removed with warm water on a cloth. Jerome designed the windows because he was tired of purchasing heat shrink window fill kits year and all the time it takes to do such a project. Jerome believes this product can help save energy and lower heating bills.

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of three pines or spruce, now's the time to plan and get it done.

Keep in mind, watering is still needed for all newly planted trees and shrubs. Once a week, a deep watering should be given to plants. A deep soaking is what they need. Continue this through mid November or longer if Indian summer ensues. Of course if we get a nice 1/2 day rain, then you can reset your watering schedule to one week from that day. Check soils around root balls for moisture levels and water when needed. Keep in mind vou can drown and overwater a plant with too many waterings very easily. This is why a once a week deep soaking is crucial. This allows plant to dry out for a bit.

Fertilizing your trees and shrubs with Espoma brand Holly-tone. plant-tone or tree-tone now will help plants recover from the stress of this hot summer. Just a handful around the drip lines of your plants will really help them green

up and ward off insects. Bugs don't like healthy, well fed plants.

As for insects, prepare for stink bugs and asian lady beetles entering the home through cracks and crevices. These nuisance pests will be looking for shelter as cool nights arrive. A spray of Bonide eight around windows or doors will help deter these pests. Ants seem to be on the move now as well. A barrier of home defense or bonide's household pest control sprinkled or sprayed around the foundation will stop them from entering your home.

Spiders also seem to be out in full force. Miss muffet's spider killer seems to work very well. This spray kills and prevents spiders for a long time. I have heard many positive reviews about this product.

Don't forget to spray your indoor plants with triple action and add some systemic granules to the soil before you bring them into the

house. This will clean them from pests which like to hide on the underside of leaves and in soil over the winter months

If you have mildew on your siding, roof or sidewalk, spray with wet and forget now. This product activates every time it rains and will eliminate green algae or mildew for up to 6 months. It really works well and I highly recommend this product.

Now that fall has arrived, that means winter is around the corner....plant now that new perennial bed or add fall color with some mums. Decorate your home violas and pansies. Add a straw bale or two, some corn stalks, and of course pumpkins. The latest trend I am seeing is stacking pumpkins of different colors on top of each other. Gnarly contorted twisted gourds of all colors are a pretty cool decorating addition as well. Stop out and see what's new this week. Keep planting....



What Makes a Good Gutter Cover?

choosing a gutter cover and who to call to install it.

A good gutter cover needs to perform in certain areas in order to be successful:

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With all the different products available for gutter They're a family owned local business that uses there own or without Gutter Topper which gently heats the gutter protection, most homeowners want to know which product people who are properly trained to install their products. area with a self-regulated heat cable. An aluminum plate works the best and can be installed at a reasonable price. With an obsessive attention to details and professionalism, Here are some helpful tips about what to look for when they have an A+ BBB rating and excellent Angie's list and Home Advisor reviews.

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