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(StatePoint) Keeping up with the latest décor trends is no easy feat. That's why celebrity interior designer, Taniya Nayak, has pulled together top five home design trends to provide inspiration no matter your personal taste.

**Natural and Organic.** Bring a touch of Mother Nature into your home with this trend that accentuates earthy, organic elements. Nayak recommends adding layers of textures, like natural raw jute, and in-

corporating muted tones, such as terra cotta, moss green or mustard, to achieve this natureinspired style.

**4** Feminine and Free. This style embraces a pastel palette of pale blue, pink and cream to achieve a romantic and glam look. Infuse this trend into your space by creating a striped accent wall with soft-hued tones or alternate different paint finishes, such as eggshell and satin, in the same color for a dimensional effect. Bring the

look to life with fresh greenery and indoor plants.

Eclectic and Pold

and Bold. Nayak says "own your own style and show it off... make a statement!" An easy way to achieve this bold trend is to paint a door, an accent piece or even a ceiling in a bright color, like Jester Red or Ceylon Yellow. Unsure if bold colors are for you? Take a look in your closet to see which shades you tend to gravitate toward most. And when it comes to achieving



#### **5** Luxe Mod-

ern. A little design secret to keep in mind: mixing metals is back and in a big way. Nayak encourages DIYers to compliment metallic accents, instead

of matching them. She suggests creating a palette of two to four metal tones and distributing them throughout the space in ways that are intentional and maintain balance. For a look that is glam, yet

modern, consider pairing rose gold with pewter or brushed gold and stainless steel.

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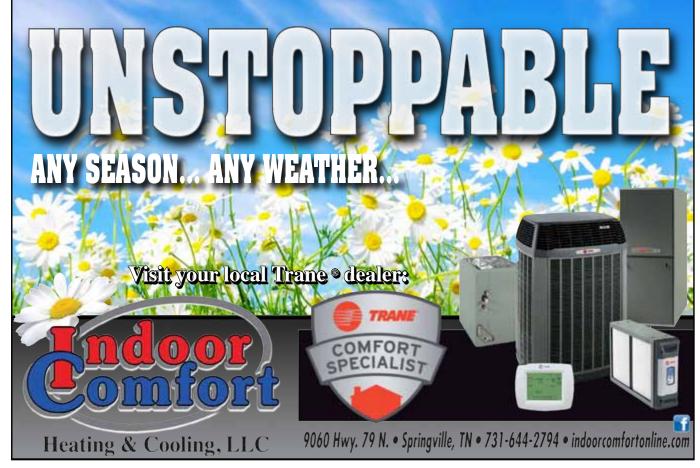
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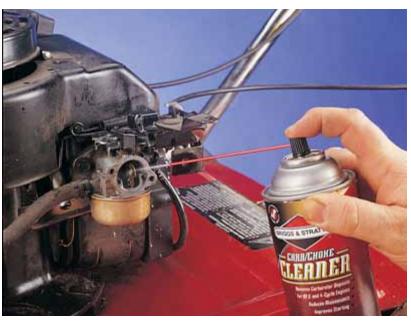
## Fluid and Fashionable.

Create a space that exudes effortless-

ness by infusing repetitive patterns and fluid transitions of the same color. According to Nayak, the best way to incorporate varying shades of a single color is to use a paint sample strip like you might find at a paint supply store as guidance to achieve a serene look throughout the space. Otherwise, stick to a single shade and carefully play with patterns. For example, pair striped dining room chairs with a patterned rug for a fashion-forward statement.



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(NAPS)—When spring is on its way, home owners are often eager to get outside and spruce up their yards. It's important when doing so to keep safety in mind.

"Before you use a mower, trimmer, blower, chain saw, pruner or other

power equipment this season, it's important to refresh yourself on handling and safety procedures," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute now to ensure your (OPEI), an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small

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vehicle manufacturers and suppliers. "We're all eager to get outside and enjoy the living landscape after a long winter, but take the time to do basic maintenance equipment operates safely for the season and is ready to get the job done." These six tips can

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Never leave fuel sitting in the gas tank of your equipment for more than 30 days. Untreated gasoline (without a fuel stabilizer) left in the system will deteriorate, which may cause starting or running problems and damage to the fuel system.

#### 4. PROTECT YOUR POWER

Protect your power by using only E10 or less fuel in outdoor power equipment. Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher-ethanol fuel blends but any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage—and is illegal to use in—small engine equipment not designed for it.

#### 5. STORE FUEL SAFELY.

Label your fuel can with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. Never put "old" gas in your outdoor power equipment. If you don't know the date of purchase, dispose of the fuel in the can safely and buy fresh fuel. Always store fuel out of the reach of children or pets and in approved containers.

#### 6. CLEAN EQUIPMENT.

Remove any dirt, oil or grass stuck to it. Clean equipment will run more efficiently and last longer.

"Now is also a good time to assess your outdoor power equipment needs," adds Kiser. "Whether you're needing battery-, gasoline-, propane-, diesel- or hybrid-powered equipment, there is a product to fit your unique needs that can handle any job."

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design versatility of crushed stone, stone-coated metal roofing offers a better-looking way to protect your investment. Thanks to its engineering, stone-coated metal stands up to harsh conditions, including fire, wind, hail, hurricanes, seismic activity, and extreme cold and heat.

2. Curb Appeal: Stone-coated metal comes in a collection of eyecatching contours and colors. Panels can resemble Mediterranean tile, hand-split wood

roof," explained Mark Gallant, Vice President of New Product Development at DECRA Metal Roofing, the original stonecoated steel roofing system, with over 60 years of research and practical experience.

- 4. Keep It Cool: Metal roofing can help cool your home through air space between the panels and the roof deck, reducing heat transfer. Some roofing colors can also reflect unwanted solar heat.
- 5. Save Money: A stone-coated metal roof could net you a discount on your homeowners insurance. Check with your insurance agent.

Overall, a stonecoated metal roof can help your home look better, feel more comfortable while you live in it and be easier to sell when you want to.

Things may be looking up for homeowners who replace their roof with stone-coated metal.

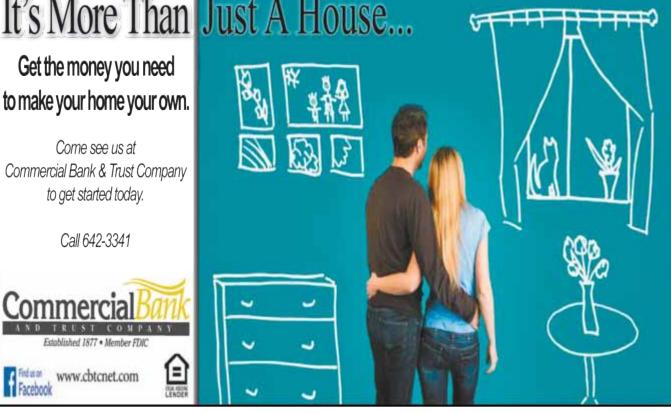


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3. Long-Term Value: Stonecoated metal offers greater longevitythree-plus times more—and lower maintenance needs than most other roofing products. "In an average lifetime, a homeowner will need to replace an asphalt roof at least three times as often for the same cost of one stone-coated metal



(BPT) - The kitchen is one of the most important rooms in your home. From cooking and eating to spending time with your family, most kitchens are well lived in and loved. But when it comes time for an upgrade, the kitchen is also one of the most expensive rooms to remodel.

A full kitchen remodel can take months to complete, and the cost can add up quickly. The good news is

there are plenty of budget-friendly fixes to help you rejuvenate your space without a total overhaul. Here are some top tips:

#### Choose customizable features

What if your kitchen sink could perfectly match your counter or backsplash? Customizable features like Kohler's Tailor One of the easi-Customizable Farmhouse Sink allow you to choose your own mate-

rial for the apron front to match your existing countertop or backsplash or choose one of Kohler's designed inserts. Easily change up the look of your kitchen simply by switching out the material in the apron of your sink.

#### **Update** your cabinet hardware

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hardware. Warm up your space with brass finishes or opt for another on-trend finish and shape.

#### **Add open** shelving

Adding shelves is the perfect solution for a large blank wall. Once the shelves are installed, use them to display your glassware collection, beautiful china or colorful cookbooks. Shelves add storage and style to your kitchen.

#### **Upgrade** your fixtures

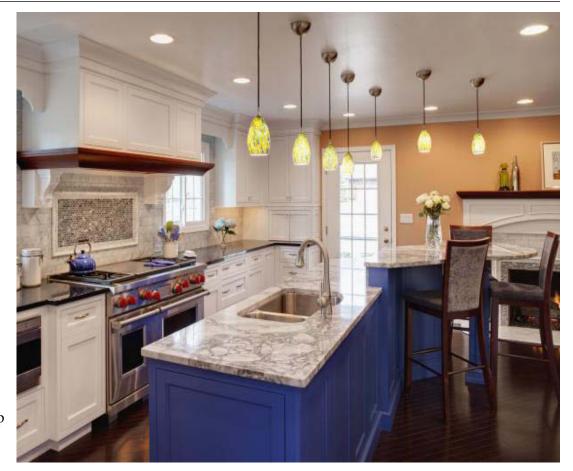
Bring out your in-

ner chef by selecting fixtures like Kohler's Semi-Professional Kitchen Sink Faucet, which features a pulldown sprayhead with functions for rinsing, cleaning and fast filling of pitchers. Simply upgrading your kitchen faucet takes refrigerator or your kitchen to the next level. New fixtures enhance the style of your space while you enjoy

the latest innovative features like water temperature memory.

#### Splurge on a new appliance

If you're really looking to spruce up your kitchen, choose your most outdated appliance and spring for a new one. A new stainless-steel sleek black cooktop might be all you need to revamp a dull space. If you're on a tight



budget, keep an eye out for sales throughout the year.

#### Paint the cabinets or walls

Never underestimate the power of a fresh coat of paint.

A new color always feels like a huge change; and with very little supplies needed, painting is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve your kitchen space in a short amount of time.

#### **Buy fresh** flowers

It may sound simple, but fresh flowers bring life and a pop of color into an otherwise dreary room. Make it part of your weekly routine

to pick up fresh flowers to brighten your kitchen and your mood. Use silk flowers in the winter months to add a much needed pop of color.

#### Play with lighting

Lighting plays a big role in how your kitchen feels. Warm lighting will make your kitchen appear brighter and more welcoming. You can easily shop around for new light fixtures and light switches at most home improvement stores and compare prices online to get the best deal.

You may have visions of your dream kitchen, but a full-fledged renovation isn't always in the budget. Follow these tips to satisfy your urge to upgrade.



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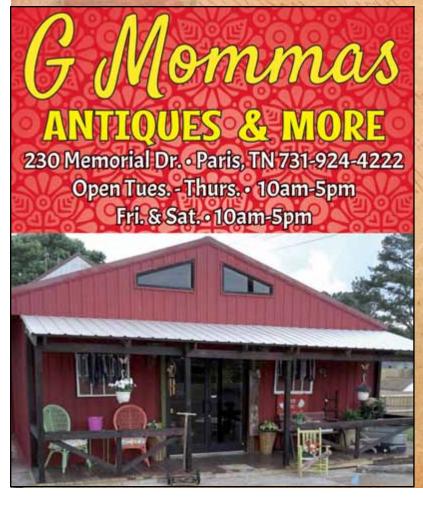
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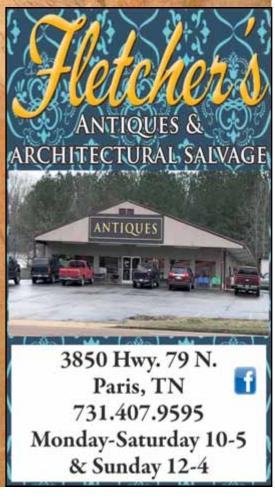
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(BPT) - With busy schedules and onthe-go lifestyles, outdoor living spaces offer a chance to decompress, enjoy nature and connect with friends and family. Thanks to the impressive design and quality of today's

outdoor products, these spaces often rival the convenience, comfort and design of the indoors.

As the heart of the home shifts outdoors, following are some of the top trends that will dominate the mental impacts.
Trex decking, for example, is made from 95 percent recycled and reclaimed materials, diverting more than 250 million pounds of plastic film and bags from landfills

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Beyond decking, composite materials also can be found in today's hottest outdoor furnishings. Manufactured from recycled milk jugs and other polyethylene plastics, these highperformance, ontrend designs offer environmentally responsible options for comfortable, stylish outdoor living.



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#### Cozy and clean

As homeowners spend more time enjoying their outdoor living spaces, comfort is key. From plush cushions and throws to cozy pergolas, today's outdoor spaces are designed to evoke serenity and peace.

However, trend experts are quick



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to point out that "cozy" doesn't equal "clutter." Clean, minimalist looks are growing in popularity, as homeowners emphasize quality over quantity. In outdoor spaces, this trend is manifesting in sleek lines, simple styles and a preference for long-lasting products.

On decks, this minimalist trend can be seen in the popularity of streamlined, aluminum railings. Another must-have is outdoor cabinetry such as built-in trash bins and ice chests that can be color-coordinated to integrate seamlessly into a deck design.

#### Illuminated spaces

From candles and tiki torches to fireplaces and integrated fixtures, outdoor lighting is another "bright" idea that is such as Trex Enin high demand. hance, as well as

The right lighting can take any outdoor space from invisible to inviting - especially when it's integrated in innovative ways to accentuate key features. Spotlights highlighting an accent wall or tread lights incorporated into a bar top are both popular options. Adding dimmable LED lighting to the railing and stairs not only adds ambiance but also enhances safety. By choosing which outdoor elements to highlight, it's easy to change the look of an outdoor living space without moving any furniture.

#### **Decidedly DIY**

More homeowners than ever are feeling confident about building their own outdoor living spaces. Lighter weight deck boards

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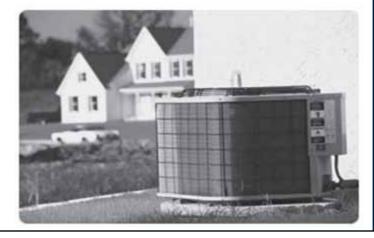
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(BPT) - Spring is just around the corner. Time to spruce up your home, clean out those dusty corners and say goodbye to winter. You're not alone in the spring cleaning adventure - according to the American Cleaning Institute, 91 percent of Americans participate in spring cleaning.

As you join your fellow Americans this year, don't

forget to show a little extra love to those hardwood floors. The floor is the largest surface in your house, so caring for and cleaning your floors is important to keeping the home healthy and dust-free. Particularly for hardwood floors, a little care goes a long way in keeping this central feature in your home looking beautiful.

Here are a few easy spring cleaning tips the way, so you to care for hard-can give the room wood floors the right way - quickly, efficiently and liftyou have limsafely.

Clear out the clutter. Spring is a great time to declutter, and clearing out the room not only looks cleaner but will allow fewer places for those dust bunnies to collect. Carefully move

the way, so you can give the room a wall-to-wall, thorough clean. If you have limited space, move a couple of pieces of furniture at a time. Enlist help from family or friends to avoid scratching your floors and to prevent a back injury! This is also a great opportunity to consider a new furniture arrangement, or to clear out little-used or

worn-out items to open up your space.

2. Banish the dust. Dust, sweep or gently vacuum hardwood floors first to remove all of the loose dust, accumulated pet hair and fine debris. Even small particles of dirt can create micro scratches in the finish.

**3.** Get the right tools. Not just any old mop will do. Old-fashioned sponge or string mops tend to just push the dirt around, or they can leave streaks of dirty water on your hardwood floors. For more effective cleaning on any

kind of flooring, the Bona Premium Spray Mop is an all-in-one solution with the largest mop head base plate in the industry. That means covering more floor surface in less time. The mop also has rubberized corners to prevent damaging baseboards or furniture during your enthusiastic cleaning. Use a washable, reusable microfiber pad designed for hardwood floors to ensure dirt is lifted and trapped in the pad rather than just pushed around the room.

grime while the inner fibers trap and absorb dirt.

**4.** Use the right solution. Did you know that some floor cleaners can actually damage hardwood floor finish? Standard soap and water, and products containing ammonia or vinegar-and-water solutions can strip the finish and dull your hardwood floors - even when diluted with water - making them look and feel less clean. Oil-based cleaning products can leave a residue, making the surface of your floor dangerously slippery. Instead, look for a residue-free, non-toxic cleaner





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**5.** Protect your floors. After cleaning your hardwood floors, consider using easily washable or vacuum-

able rugs under furniture to prevent marks or scratches from marring your hardwood floors. Furniture pads are another inexpensive investment to protect the floor finish. Finally, add

doormats at key entryways in your home to grab dirt and debris before it ever hits the floor.

The floor is the largest surface in your home, which gets the most wear

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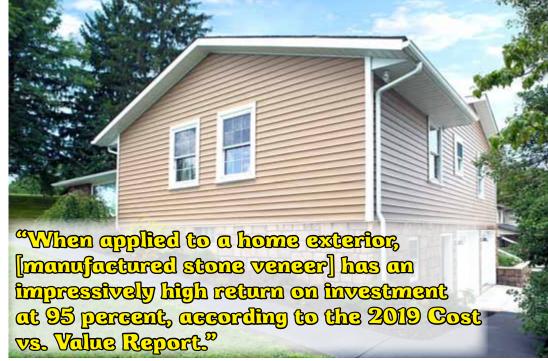
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# Great First Impressions Ways to Boost Your Home's Curb Appeal



(StatePoint) When it comes to your home, you only get one chance to make a great first impression -- and that takes place before anyone ever steps inside, making curb appeal upgrades an effective way to beautify your home while boosting its value.

Here are some great ways to enhance curb appeal that will give you a great return on investment, according to Remodeling ways to personalize a garage door.
New color options, which include twotone combinations, are growing in popularity, and an





Magazine's 2019 Cost Vs. Value Report.

#### Garage Door Replacement

Whether you want your garage door to take center stage or provide a demure complement to your home's overall exterior, the right selection will make a great visual impression. Luckily there are a growing number of

expanding array of panel designs can help you work in harmony with your home's architectural style.

But know that this is not just any cosmetic upgrade. A new garage door has the potential to improve your family's safety and comfort, providing safety features not found in older models, while reducing heat and



cold transfer for lower energy bills.

#### Manufactured Stone Veneer

A manufactured stone veneer project can enhance the aesthetic appeal of any space, indoors or out, and can be customized to suit your needs and style. When applied to a home exterior, this project has an impressively high return on investment at 95 percent, according to the 2019 Cost vs. Value Report.

Maximize this upgrade by opting for high-quality materials that look like authentic stone, even upon careful inspection. For example, the choices available from Pro-Via are molded and

colored to produce a realistic, dramatic effect, mimicking stones from unique geographic regions in a range of cuts. Their online resources, which can be found at provia.com, include design ideas and tools for selecting harmonious color groupings, helping you make the best choices for your home.

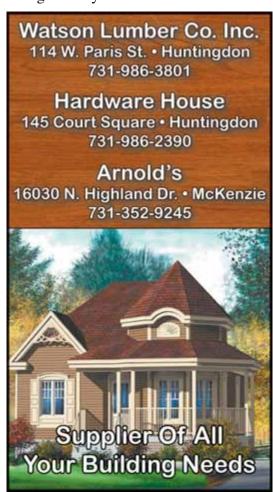
#### Siding Replacement

Of all the home updates that will boost your curb appeal, new siding has the third highest return on investment, according to the report. When making this upgrade, consider materials wisely. Thanks to its overall low cost,

ease of installation, minimal maintenance required and long-term durability, vinyl is the most popular home siding material. Whether you opt for insulated, traditional or decorative siding, this can be a great way to

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To add beauty and value to your home, start with curb appeal, selecting projects that offer a great return on investment.







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