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**H**ere's a thought for the spring: Hope you like orange.

"The color this spring is tangerine orange," says Sandra Gaylord, proprietor of Gaylord Design, LLC in Summerville. "We're going to see it in so many places and items: furniture, fashions and on wallpaper. It's a strong, warm color, but it works great in small doses."

"I'm pairing it with turquoise, which I love," she says. "Pink and orange is also a great combination, and if you use it casually it can work great in a contemporary or traditional room. Deep blue and white with orange accessories can be remindful of a beach house."

But spring also allows for a bit of improvisation or trial and error. If you end up hating your revamp, what have you lost, really? "Spring brings a sense of fresh starts and new beginnings. It is the time we want to bring in bright light," Gaylord says. "Paint is so versatile and easily changeable. Experiment with a color you've always wanted to try."

"I'm currently in the mood for turquoise with bright white contrasts. And if the color you select is not right for you, just paint over it after you've had a chance to live with it for a while."

Also consider exchanging dark drapes for open-weave or linen curtains. Or add ribbons – yes ribbons, Gaylord urges – to the length of your neutral curtains, placing them at the end of the panel.

"It gives the illusion that the curtains have been sewn with a band," she says. There are so many ribbons to choose from. Why not use a bright color ribbon to compliment the wall paint you selected?"

Organic items remain sought after, as the spring approaches. But most pieces will be sleeker and more polished in contrast to the hand-hewn look. "My clients are looking for more of an eclectic look in their homes when it comes to organic items," Gaylord says. "The eclectic design also uses opposites such as acrylics and wood in textures and materials. That's great for a kitchen, especially when you mix enameled, shiny, bright islands with traditional cabinetry. The same concept works in the family room with furniture and built-ins."

Of course, giving your home a face-lift doesn't have to be pricey. Maybe you love your furniture, but want a lighter color for the spring without paying for expensive fabric. Then try drop clothes. "So inexpensive," Gaylord notes. "You can wash them several times and then use as a fabric for your slipcovers."

The same holds true for dining room chairs. "Just cover the chair with a bright fabric slipcover that ends at the bottom of the seat, and paint the legs a bright white."

And don't forget about trouble-free touches, like new plants. "There's nothing more spring," Gaylord says, "then a green plant." ■

