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Jon Agg & Adam Watson, founders and operators of Pristine Property Maintenance Limited explain why there is no such thing as an "easy winter" when it comes to property maintenance

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SHED A NEW LIGHT

Hang an oversized pendant light over a table. It adds whimsical flair and performs as a head turning sculpture or work of art.

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TURN A NEGATIVE SPACE INTO A POSITIVE

The space around an object is just as important as the object itself. Allow for breathing room with important accessories to ensure they are given their due.

3

COMBAT THE CLUTTER

We have all heard that "less is more". Does an object bring joy or evoke a special memory? If not, it may be time to donate it to make room for... well, nothing! 4

CREATE A BACKDROP

Design your space with neutral off-white, off-cream and offcharcoal hues. Then add unique elements that make the space yours alone such as cultural accents, family history or something from your heritage. Items can be switched or rearranged easily.

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ANCHOR A TABLE

Sometimes it is a challenge to find the perfect table centerpiece with a large enough proportion. Create grandeur with 10 to 15 of the same item, in different shapes and sizes, in the same colour for the middle of the table. Not only is the whole effect greater than the sum of the parts, but you have versatility on a budget.

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TAKE SHAPE

The style, design and shape of furniture has become more important than the pattern itself. The focus is more on the texture and silhouette of things. Try resin seating with wooden legs or iconic sculptural pieces from the 50s or 60s.



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SHINE ON

Brass and gilded finishes are strong for everything from fixtures to frames while chrome continues to reign supreme in kitchens and baths.



UPDATE YOUR SPACE

Change things up on a budget by switching cushions, bowls, vases, frames, throws and accessories. Instantly infuse the latest trends of colour, texture and style while you transform your space.



TAKE A CUE FROM MOTHER NATURE

The most current materials are raw, rich and natural and are used to celebrate the natural substance of the materials. Rough-hewn metals and contrasting woods like black walnut add dimension and modernity to any space.

For more living examples of these trends in action visit wiklemdesign.com



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started Wiklém Design inc. in 1993, which has grown from a one-woman operation with a select group of clients to a full service interior design firm. From her start in Norway, where she was creating floor plans to scale before she could read, to an award winning Interior Designer, Anita is the creative force that drives Wiklém Design. Widely featured on television design programs as well as in numerous magazines and books, Anita works closely with her clients, earning an enviable reputation for her creative vision and ability to breathe new life into stale spaces.

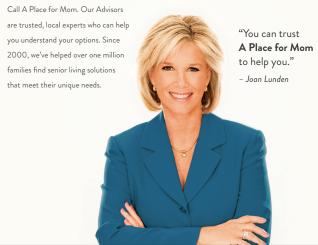


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