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What's in store for your interior in the coming month? Astrologer Zoë has some decorating tips for every sign



ARIES

21 MAR - 19 APR

If you have lots of energy left over after Christmas, try doing some decorating – it can be great exercise, especially stretching to reach the ceiling and other awkward places. This is a banner month for your career with Mars in Capricorn fuelling your ambition, so don't hold back with any plans for home

TAURUS

20 APR - 20 MAY

To look your best when Venus enters your sociable sector early in January, review your dressing area. Rearrange your closet, or partition off a walk-in wardrobe. Jupiter is encouraging you to make an impact in 2009. Look to Europe for ideas – a daring French-style chair (shown left) would make a real statement.



GEMINI

21 MAY - 20 JUNE

The new moon on 27 December may see you starting your New Year resolutions early. Feel free to take on larger projects you have been putting off or try a new look inspired by far-off lands. Japanese design and functionality will appeal to your precise Gemini mind – consider paper screen partitions and black-lacquer furniture.

CANCER

21 JUNE - 22 JULY

A full moon in Cancer on 11 January means calm, clean surroundings will help you get back on track. Until then, your time and energy are better spent having a clear-out at home. But wait for the sales before buying cleaning equipment, such as a new vacuum cleaner (shown above) or dishwasher – things that will help you get through the chores in no time.

LEO

23 JULY - 22 AUG

You have another dramatic year of eclipses ahead and will need to be in good shape to adjust to the twists and turns that are coming your way. If you have the space – or the will – design and install a spiral staircase to elevate you to new heights. Failing that, get out the paint stripper and attack the banisters.

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VIRGO

23 AUG - 22 SEPT

You have the best chance of all the signs of starting a new health regime. Invest in a steamer or even a new cooker to make the process more fun. Add a juicer to the shopping list and apply a fruity palette to your scheme – orange, lemon and lime will add zest to your visual detox.

LIBRA

23 SEPT - 22 OCT

After the sparkle of Christmas, it's time to get back to work. Look at your floors and furnishings. Pull up the carpets and sand the floorboards ready to start afresh. Hardworking fabrics like canvas and velvet are perfect for the job and will give new life to old furniture. Use shades of petrol blue, khaki and mid pink to add subtle colour to the scene.

SCORPIO

23 OCT - 21 NOV

You are one of the most perceptive star signs and with much time spent indoors during the long dark nights it's time to reconsider your decor. Tiling, dado rails and ceiling roses provide the finishing touches to a well-dressed room. Once the hard work is done, sit back and enjoy the view in a new recliner suite.

SAGITTARIUS

22 NOV - 21 DEC

As your ruler Jupiter steps up the pace in 2009, you'll want your home to be as functional and comfortable as possible to maximise your quality time there. A new TV and music centre are on the cards and maybe a solid-oak cabinet to house your acquisitions. Your alignment suggests it's also a good time to seek out bargains at the sales.

CAPRICORN

22 DEC - 19 JAN

The Capricorn new moon on 27 December ushers in the New Year a few days early. The Romans named January after the God Janus who looked both to the past and the future. In honour of this you could give your hallway an imperial flavour with a Roman floor mosaic or use square spiral patterns in terracotta reds, black and white along the walls.

AQUARIUS

20 JAN - 18 FEB

When Jupiter enters Aquarius on 9 January, your birthday year begins. Clear some space for all the new things that are coming your way in 2009. Strip everything back to the bare minimum and add a winter coat of white to any discoloured walls. Replacing your bay windows would help to extend your horizons.

PISCES

19 FEB - 20 MAR

You will be in entertaining mood long after others have gone back to their day-to-day work due to the appearance of lovely Venus in your sign. Watery beauty is a theme that will best reflect this phase. Choose shimmering Oyster and rainbow mother-of-pearl colours, soft lighting and shell textures to adorn your dining table and keep the celebration flowing.

1 Electrolux Cyclone compact cleaner, from £59.99, Electrolux (0870 605 5055, electrolux.co.uk)

2 Antique gold scroll crossback chair, £850, The French Furniture Company (08450 547528, thefrenchfurniturecompany.co.uk)