

Home horoscopes

What do the stars hold in store for your interior this month? Our resident astrologer Zoë has some decorating tips for every sign

VIRGO
23 AUGUST – 22 SEPTEMBER

Planning a spending spree? With Venus and Mercury talking directly to your wallet, you are well advised to hit the autumn sales: luxury department stores are where you'll find the best buys for your home in the coming months. You can also do your bit for the environment by putting some energy-saving light bulbs on your shopping list.



LIBRA

23 SEPTEMBER – 22 OCTOBER

Jupiter's movements on the 11th will tempt you to revisit an abandoned project with renewed vigour and a fresh perspective – and the result could be a work of art. You could even try your hand at stencilling a piece of furniture or painting a mural to spruce up a dull area.

SCORPIO

23 OCTOBER – 21 NOVEMBER

Reclamation is the order of the day, and scouring antiques fairs and second-hand shops should turn up a few surprises. There are many bargains to be had – from church pews to walnut dressing tables. Who knows what hidden treasures you will find?

SAGITTARIUS

22 NOVEMBER – 21 DECEMBER

Invest in a comfortable chair for your study, as you'll be spending a lot of time there this month. But it won't be all work and no play – get your crystal glassware and a cocktail shaker out for a decadent house party on the weekend of 6th and 7th.

CAPRICORN

22 DECEMBER – 19 JANUARY

Fancy some fun with a paintbrush? Then it's a good time to give your children's rooms a makeover. For the best results, involve them in the process, and remember that partition walls made of glass blocks will hide a multitude of sins, while still allowing the light in.

AQUARIUS

20 JANUARY – 18 FEBRUARY

You're a would-be eco warrior who yearns for solar panels on the roof. Now let's see what else you can do to save the planet – try using laundry balls in your washing machine as an alternative to detergents and buy a compost crock for your kitchen worktop.

PISCES

19 FEBRUARY – 20 MARCH

With the sun in your opposite sign, retaining heat in your home is important this month. If draught excluders aren't your style, consider resealing or replacing the doors and windows, and use decorative glass to create a dappled atmosphere suited to the sign of the fishes.

ARIES

21 MARCH – 19 APRIL

Are you sitting comfortably? This month, the answer may well be 'no', especially if you have a cat or dog who loves to chew your favourite chair. You can stop the destruction by treating your pet to a comfy cushion of its own. Either way, now is a good time to buy a new sofa.

TAURUS

20 APRIL – 20 MAY

As the music lovers of the zodiac, your entertainment areas take centre stage this month. Replace any outdated equipment with state-of-the-art technology, and ditch precarious shelving in favour of an organised system where you can store CDs and DVDs alphabetically.

GEMINI

21 MAY – 20 JUNE

You love to keep busy, and this month a decorating activity will help you unwind. If you're looking for a new project, focus on mosaics. You could tile the bathroom or a kitchen splashback, but if that's too big a job, stick to revamping an old plant pot or jewellery box.

CANCER

21 JUNE – 22 JULY

After last month's turbulent eclipses, your moods are waxing and waning with the moon. Sliding doors and room dividers can help you change the look of your interior in seconds, while accessories in deep blue, cool white and sparkling silver will soothe your soul.

LEO

23 JULY – 22 AUGUST

Capture the last few rays of summer with the help of patio heating or garden lights – if you can power these with solar panels, so much the better. Bring the radiance of the sun indoors by covering the walls of a well-lit spot with a bold metallic wallpaper.