



Hello dear reader,

I have always believed in colour. Life is too short to spend any of it—at all—in colourless rooms . . . rooms that are beige and charcoal. Part of our mission as a design magazine is to inspire you, dear reader, to think in bold, new ways. I want to show you how wonderful colour can be. How long have I railed against the neutral beiges and greys that have dominated the interior design zeitgeist in North America!

Granted, neutral palettes have their place. They can be soothing, calming. But if ever there were a time to create colourful interiors in our homes, it is now. Especially when many of us have had enough of the grim news that 2020 keeps dishing up. We need a happy-home palette now more than ever.

So when I had the serendipitous good fortune to meet Tiffany Pratt, a Toronto-based designer who clearly has the same opinion as mine about neutrals, imagine my delight. Her world is joyfully colourful and exuberant. When I interviewed Tiffany in her apartment in The Beaches, I was immediately embraced and felt at home with her bold use of colours, patterns and textures.

I am also impressed by her concern for the environment. Known to Canadians for her television programs, *Home to Win* and *Buy It, Fix It, Sell It*, Tiffany believes that it's not necessary to start from scratch with design. She retools cast-off furnishings to create new and beautiful interiors, a practice that eases the pressure on our resources. This do-it-yourself attitude and recycling resourcefulness is so important for us all to have right now. So many of us are struggling, not just financially, but with the constraints on us physically and emotionally. We need to take stock of what we have in the closet, yes, and throw out what does not fit, but that is not always the only answer. As Tiffany says: "If an old chair is still good, repaint it! Re-upholster it! Make it new! Life can be beautiful. Things can be beautiful."

We just have to keep our eyes new, and using colour is one of the ways to brighten our environments. Tiffany Pratt is a natural "environment brightener," and heavens knows we need all of those we can get these days!

Enjoy my interview with her on page 20 and please, stay safe!

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