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+ TIP: When choosing paint to freshen your home, consider colour balance, which is the 2013 spring/summer theme according to Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute

Patricia Gray's
TOP 3
 MUST HAVES FOR THE PERFECT INTERIOR

IN THE DETAILS



ACCENT LIGHT FIXTURES

Invest in great lighting. Pick out one beautiful fixture to create a focal point for the room.



A CLASSIC SOFA

Invest in a quality, classic couch in a neutral colour that will pull the whole room together.



NEW PAINT COLOUR

Paint is the easiest, fastest and most inexpensive way to change the look and feel of a room. A professional can help you get the colour right.

START FRESH...
 REMOVE ALL THE ACCESSORIES FROM THE ROOM LEAVING ONLY THE BASIC PIECES - THEN START FROM SCRATCH

+ PATRICIA GRAY INTERIOR DESIGN

Patricia Gray of Patricia Gray Interior Design in Vancouver agrees nothing can change the mood of a room more dramatically than lighting. "When homeowners do it on their own, the biggest mistake they make is with lighting. Lighting can make or break a space." For an original look, she suggests an accent light fixture that becomes a focal point for the room.

Gray's second pet peeve is the inexpensive "disposable" sofa. A couch is often the biggest furniture investment

homeowners make and there's no excuse for cutting corners. "People should really hire a professional to help them with that," she says. "A sofa that's a classic piece is like a having the perfect black dress. It just works and all you need to do is accessorize it."

Her third piece of advice is paint – there's nothing like a new colour to freshen a house and change the mood. "One colour doesn't cost more than another," she says. "And yet it can make all the difference in the world."



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