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## Spring Projects Galore

Spring will soon be here, and the warmer weather brings the motivation to tackle new projects. Whether you are a decorator, a carpenter, a painter, or a do-it-yourselfer, these jobs are among the most popular spring projects.

### Cover Your Floors

Whether opting for wood, stone, vinyl, laminate, ceramic, or carpet, you should consider the key factors shown in the figure.

Reena Choudhary, of Supreme Floors and Surfaces, points out that budget plays the largest role in choosing new flooring. She advises, “Be sure to visit several flooring vendors before finalizing your choice. The difference in price can be significant from vendor to vendor.” In other words, shop around.

### Grab a Paintbrush

Nothing brightens up a home like a fresh coat of paint. A hot trend for interiors are wall murals, which can be simple or intricate, small or large. Unless you are an artist, though, it is best to hire a professional to achieve this effect. Faux finishes such as stone, suede, leather, or marble remain popular and are rather easy to master.

### Update the Bath

Spruce up a bathroom quickly just by replacing towels, the shower curtain, and mirrors. Add drapes and decorative soaps, and your bathroom will look like a new room.

### Decorators Showcase Starts

The 10th Annual Decorators Showcase will begin on February 5 and run through February 10. In years past, this event was held at Wright’s Arena. This year, a novel approach has been taken. Visitors will tour seven area homes that different teams of decorators have brought to life with new materials, fabrics, and products.

Event organizer, Grant McCord, believes visitors will like this approach. “Rather than seeing booths and partitioned areas in a large building, guests will get to see how the elements work together in an actual home.” He added, “Each room in the house has been decorated by a different firm, so visitors can take in a variety of techniques, styles, and products in a single setting.”

Plan to attend this event. Get new ideas and leave feeling inspired! Purchase tickets in advance for $20. Call 555-1716 for details and a map.