

## Put Some Spring in Your Step, Foyer, Kitchen...

*Creative ways to add springtime touches to your home*



### Let the sun shine in, even if it's not outside. . .



Williamsburg winter is pretty brief, but those last couple of months before spring really seem to drag. I like to pick a bright, fresh color like WILLIAMSBURG Tucker Cupboard Orange, and infuse it into my décor. I might paint a wall if I'm feeling really inspired, but just adding a small statement like a new throw pillow or a faux flower arrangement—in my chosen color—cheers me up with a feeling that spring's on the way!

### Birdhouses are not just for birds. . .



WILLIAMSBURG's unique and beautiful birdhouses offer an array of decorating possibilities. Hang one on a wall in your kitchen or sunroom for spring, with the option of moving it to a tree outside later in theyear. My favorites are the adorable birdhouses shaped like a lady's straw hat, which were modeled from the head covers sold at Colonial Williamsburg's Mary Dickinson Store. To really bring the season indoors, you could position a cute wooden bird near or inside the birdhouse.

### Start your garden inside. . .



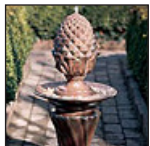
Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean you have to keep your beautiful deck and garden ornaments packed away. On a foyer table or windowsill, I like to create a little spring scene using garden critters, a birdbath, or an armillary, and some fresh or faux plants. The process of getting out—and cleaning off—my garden pieces gets me in the mood for the new season on its way.

### The next best thing to your own herb garden.. .



Residents of 18th-century Williamsburg filled their gardens with fresh herbs. Even if you don't have your own herb garden, you can still capture the color, scent, and feeling by hanging dried herbs in your kitchen. Suspended from hooks, knobs, and drawer pulls, these bundles make a wonderful decoration and the smell is absolutely therapeutic! For a perfect complement to your theme, pull out your WILLIAMSBURG "Potted Herb" linens and potholders.

### Listen to the waterfall of melting snow. . .



OK, perhaps actual waterfalls are hard to come by, but you can create the ambiance of trickling water more easily than you might think. This tranquil sound is sure to reduce stress and soothe you through the last of the winter blues—and of course, put you in mind of warmer weather and fresh growth. WILLIAMSBURG's pineapple table fountain and new hummingbird wall fountain are an ideal way to give your home both a serene sound and sight.