

SETTLE *into the* SEASON

*Cosy autumnal interiors inspired
by local interior bloggers*

It's all about texture...

Says thrifty blogger and interiors enthusiast, Cassie Fairy

"It's all about texture in the autumn so try to get as much of it into your living space as possible. Sitting on a sofa that's covered in chunky woven throws, fluffy sheepskin rugs and soft wool cushions will make you feel cosy and it's so comforting to have a knitted blanket at hand to snuggle under when the temperate drops.

"The same goes for your furniture too. Just imagine a rustic

wooden coffee table compared to a sleek glass one – which material makes you feel cosier? Of course, it's not practical to change all your furniture for the new season, but you can add wooden or wicker placemats or cover the table with a cloth in a rich, dark hue. In the bedroom, switching your crisp linen or silk sheets for a textured fabric like brushed cotton flannel, layered up with a velvet quilt will feel warm and welcoming on dark nights."

cassiefairy.com



ANDY GREENACRE

Add an autumnal door wreath...

Says Stacey Dyer from interiors and renovation blog, End of the Row

“There’s something very special about autumn. After a long summer we begin to crave the cooler evenings when we can draw the curtains and get our fluffy socks out.

“To make my home feel cosy for autumn I always light candles. Usually selecting ones with deep leathery warming scents. Scatter them around in different rooms or pop a selection on a tray and let the scents combine.

“Front door wreaths don’t have to just be for Christmas. A wreath of burnt orange gerberas, rust toned leaves; mini pumpkins and moss make you feel cosy before you’ve even stepped inside. I also love a ghost pumpkin or selection of colourful squashes displayed in a bowl in the kitchen.

“The lightweight cotton throws on the sofa are switched for a cable knit or fleece lined blanket and my lighting of choice is always a sofa side lamp rather than the bright overhead lighting. These elements combined will get your home feeling autumnal in no time.”

endoffherow.co.uk



Autumn is a season of warmth and homemaking...

Says Emily Sayles from local interiors and lifestyle blog, A Slice of Suffolk

“For me, autumn is a majestic, romantic season. Filled with soft hues of early evening lamp lighting and the golden glow of autumnal scented candles like ginger and spiced apple. Comforting puddings, made with seasonal and garden produce like blackberries and rhubarb.

“Homemade wreaths to greet guests made with garden foliage and past summer blooms like hydrangeas; which dry out in the most incredible way, I arrange posy’s of seasonal flowers in jam jars, tied with earthy coloured twine; for a rustic, country style.

“Using soft blankets and textured cushions in rich velvets and tones of navy and neutral



palettes, creating a fresh but inviting atmosphere.

“I place baskets of freshly cut logs for the woodburner, arranged around the fireplace, creating a cosy ambience and ready to use after a crisp autumnal walk. Draping sheepskins on chairs and used as rugs, in tones of cream and grey adds warmth and texture and encourages a slower style of living, I love to arrange magazines and seasonal content to read and inspire, ready to browse through with a cup of tea.

“I’m forever making ginger cookies in abundance for the children to have with milk before bed, that’s long become an autumn tradition! A season that champions our inner calm and contentment, autumn, you might just be my favourite!”

asliceofsuffolk.com



It's time to get cosy

Says Sarah who runs the instagram account [SlowLivingInSuffolk](#) about her country cottage

"Autumn in my home means one thing; cosiness. It's a place to come back to after long dog walks in the crisp air, to hunker down and get warm. I love the feeling from coming to the end of your walk, seeing the house all lit up in the dusky sky. Leaving your welly boots at the door and the tingly sensation you get on your cheeks from coming into the warmth.

"I get out my stash of woollen blankets and throws and light the log burner; the warm orange glow brings such a feeling of comfort as the evenings draw in.

"I like to have flowers dotted about in old jam jars and jugs. In the summer months these are often just clippings from the garden, but as autumn draws in I like to bring in deep crimson and jewel colours, mixed in with berries and foliage. And nothing beats the smell of a crumble in the oven."

Instagram: [@slowlivinginsuffolk](#)

Light it up...

Says Hannah who runs the blog, [Log Burners and Laughs](#) and instagram account [SuffolkTractorGirl](#)

"My top tip for ensuring your home is cosy for autumn, is layering your lighting. People often just rely on a harsh ceiling light, but layering a dimmed ceiling light with floor and table lamps and perhaps even some fairy lights, can make your home feel as warm and comforting as a soft fluffy blanket on a cold winter's day.

"Don't forget candles either, I usually go for tealights dotted around with one scented candle, all of which adds wonderfully to the ambience of the room. Go for something autumnal but try to avoid anything too intense, you want the scent to add to the atmosphere of the room rather than be too overwhelming. Apply layering to your soft furnishings too - blankets, cushions and thick rugs instantly turn your room into a cosy, comfortable haven away from the chaos of day-to-day life, helping you to de-stress and unwind in the comfort of your own home."

logburnersandlaughs.co.uk



Slow down for a new season...

Instagrammer Emma who splits her time between Suffolk and Oxfordshire shares her top three autumnal interior tips

"Autumn is without doubt my favourite of all the seasons. After the long days of summer, I relish the opportunity to embrace a slower pace of life and hunker down in the cosiness of my home. My three top tips for creating that cosy feeling are:

"One; lighting. Fairy lights are not just for Christmas. I string them up in the kitchen, sitting room, the children's bedrooms. Candles are also a must, for adding fragrance as well as soothing light. Any room can be quickly transformed with a selection of candles of different sizes and colours.

"Two; heating. My favourite feature of our home in the autumn and winter months is our wood burning stove. With the start of school in September comes a new delivery of logs. I am then on count down until I can draw the curtains, stoke the fire, and cosy up with a good book and glass of wine for the perfect autumn evening.

"Three; texture. We all know that layering up is important when dressing for cooler days. The same is true for our homes. Sofas and chairs are adorned with throws, sheepskin rugs, and cushions. These really come into their own in the autumn when you want to be warm and cosy."

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