



# DESIGN

LIVING BEAUTIFULLY IN  
PRESTON HOLLOW

## Spring Zing

Interior designer **Mary Anne Smiley** is the kind of neighbor who responds to emails with an emoji. A smiley face emoji, of course. “Spring always ushers in light and bright colors,” says Smiley. “And since I am known for bold use of color, nothing thrills me more.”

### Here’s what makes Smiley smile on the home front this month:

- New kitchen towels in Easter egg colored checks.
- Lime-green checked plates like the ones she had when she first got married in the 1960s. “So fun on the patio!”
- Gerbera daisies from spring until fall. “They are inexpensive and I love the colors. We use buckets of them.”
- Hydrangeas fresh from her backyard from late April, when they start blooming, until the end of June. “I fertilize them with soil acidifier so that they turn a fabulous periwinkle purplish blue. They are stunning in my white porcelain vases.”

### Smiley’s favorite neighborhood shopping hack:

Sur la Table. “We entertain a lot, so I am so excited we now can dash over to Sur la Table when we need a special pan for macarons or a last-minute bridal shower gift. Then we dash next door to the Paper Source to get an accompanying card and fabulous wrapping paper for the gift. So convenient!”



### Smiley’s personal spring home improvement project:

Adding a movie screen and projector to her backyard for the many upcoming entertainment events around the pool. —LISA KRESL

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