Hands-on Decorating:
Wallpaper Paint
Curtains Lighting
American Flair!
The bamboo blinds make this almost generic summer space look cool and mysterious. You can’t go wrong with sisal, teal-and-white-striped upholstery, and serene blue-gray paint.

**variations**

From tropical to girly, here are three ways to
on a theme
make your living room truly livable this summer
Girlish floral curtains, bamboo-patterned wallpaper, a rug in full bloom, and a plain whirring ceiling fan add up to a pretty, cozy, luncheon-ready room.

Lighten up: warm wood floors, pale upholstery,
2. Antique Bessarabian kilim from Keshishian.
3. Amberley fabric by Colefax and Fowler from Cowtan & Tout.
4. Archea Collection wallpaper by Zoffany from Whittaker & Woods.
5. Rattan chair by Folly Garden Furniture.
6. Ming Coffee Table from Gracie Inc. See Resources.
This smart, exotic look starts with a stone floor; handsome tailored shades, a sophisticated, rustic wood ceiling, and earthy ikat fabric give it a confident, masculine appeal.

Go for dramatic touches: eccentric chandeliers
1. Sisal paint from the Ralph Lauren Home Collection.

2. Ikat Stripe fabric by Bernard Thorp & Co.

3. Two Tier Bronze Leg Table by Christopher Norman Inc.

4. French limestone tile from Paris Ceramics.


6. Empire box-pleated shade from Oriental Lamp Shade Co. See Resources.

and huge potted plants spice up a subdued palette