

# Most Popular Handyman Jobs For Spring

(NC) As the weather warms, it's an ideal time to tackle home renovation projects. Here are the top jobs worth hiring a handyman for this spring:

**Deck and patio repairs.** If you have one of these outdoor spaces, it's a safe bet that you're planning on spending a lot of time out there over the summer. Since decks see so much action, they require proper maintenance and upkeep. Fixes can include warped or rotten wood, popped up nails or loose handrails.

**Power washing.** A small task that is often overlooked is maintaining the overall cleanliness of the outside of your home. Have the exterior, back deck and driveway power washed to easily freshen it up.

**Window washing.** From snow and rainstorms to heat waves, there's a lot of muck that can build up on your windows. A professional will get those hard-to-reach places clean and make your windows and your sills sparkle.

**Caulking and weather-stripping.** Weather-stripping and



caulking can have a significant impact on keeping cool air in and hot air out—and vice versa come winter. If there's a significant leak it will also help save money on your energy bills.

Updating doorbells and locks.

Keeping your home secure is always a priority. With so many new smart locks and doorbells available, consider an update that allows you to keep an eye on your home from afar. From video doorbells to smart security

cameras[KM1], it's one less thing to think about when away from home.

Updating the backsplash. This small job makes a big impact. It's a great way to inject some personality and make it look like

you've done a lot more to the space than you have. If you want to go all out, have your handyman also paint your kitchen cabinets for a quick and easy kitchen makeover. Find the perfect handyman for your spring jobs at homestars.com.

# Cooking Up The Latest Kitchen Trends

(NC) While the hottest trends might not always match your personal taste, there's likely something that will inspire you to try something new. Whether you're planning to do a complete kitchen renovation, or just looking to add some trendy touches, here's what you need to know for your next kitchen update:

**Fun with colour.** Say goodbye to boring all-white kitchens. Contrasting colours are big this year and since the kitchen is the social hub of the home, it's the perfect place to get creative. If a full colour overhaul is too big of a commitment, consider mixing things up with tuxedo cabinets or two-toned cabinetry.

**Quartz is queen.** Quartz is gaining popularity due to its ability to look like natural stone without many of the drawbacks. It's man-made and available in a variety of colours and patterns. It's nearly indestructible and non-porous, so it will not retain bacteria, making it easier to

clean. Smooth finishes. Speaking of countertops, straight edges allow for a timeless look. Seamless and smooth is a big trend, including in the cabinet-fronts that now have less hardware and more subtle edge-pulls.

**Functional minimalism.** We saw a lot of open shelving last year, but that left little room to put away daily items. Now we're seeing a mix of open shelving for aesthetics, as well as hidden or enclosed storage for more practical items. You can achieve this look by having clean lines mixed with natural textures like wood, brick and concrete.

**Mixed metals.** From matte black to brushed bronze, we're seeing a variety of metals being used. Kitchens can now have different metal finishes for their fixtures, hardware, lighting and accessories. Find a contractor to make your vision a reality at homestars.com.



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