



HOME & LIVING:

February Checklist

- Repaint your bedroom for a passion-inspiring mini-makeover.
- Invest in two bottles of a fine red wine. One, a mature red that will go with your romantic Valentine's Day menu, the second a "cellar" bottle for your ten-year (or twenty-year) anniversary ... or any day, for that matter!
- Sharpen garden tools.
- Buy that deluxe cappuccino maker you've been coveting!
- Trim branches off your outdoor forsythia bush and put them into a vase. They'll start to blossom after spending time indoors.
- Organize your photos into albums. Or burn jpegs stored on your hard drive onto CDs, posting your faves onto Flickr.com for easy sharing with friends and family.
- Cancel that brunch date. Stay in your pajamas and flip through decorating magazines with a cappuccino, instead.

Your notes...

Tip Finding a cottage

Yes, you heard us right. If you don't own your own cottage and want to rent one this summer, now's the ideal time to go online to line up your rental (two websites we like: cottagelink.com and cottagesincanada.com). Thinking of buying? Off-season is a smart time to start looking.