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Small Changes Create Big Impact

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Everyone looks for easy ways to update a tired space. A fresh coat of paint goes a long way to freshen and improve the look of a space. There are other small changes that can make a big difference and not break the budget.

Lighting is a key element of a well designed space. Enhance an existing lamp by changing the shade. Add shades to an existing chandelier for a totally new look. If you want to spend a little more, replace existing lamps or chandeliers for the new look. Candles are an excellent light source that creates ambiance in the space. Use them on dining tables, fireplace mantels and other occasional tables.

In kitchens and bathrooms, change the hardware. Include the sink faucets in the update. There are many new and exciting designs to choose. Add floral arrangements to your dining table either fresh or silk and bring the seasons into the space.

An easy way to change a current look is to think of your existing furnishings and accessories in a different way. Rearrange accessories. Group like objects together to create impact. Move a pretty chair from a living area into a bedroom

to create a reading nook. Change artwork around to create new interest in public spaces such as a living or family room. Maybe you have stored an old treasure in the attic. Take it down and find a spot to showcase the item. What was old becomes new again!

Updating window treatments can give new life to any room. Sometimes, less is more. Take down heavy drapes and replace them with a simple valance. The valance can enhance the window while letting in the light and bringing the outdoors inside.

Focus on a small area and with a little time and thought you can bring new life to your living space. Remember, your space is a reflection of you and your lifestyle. Create it!

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