

EASY GUIDE

TO MAKE AN OLD HOME FEEL NEW IN BUDGET



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Abstract

Shopping in Brisbane is the easy part for some — the thrill of the chase, the flutter of excitement at bringing a new treasure home, choosing a new paint colour or materials for a remodel. But what happens to those glorious finds and finishes months or years later? Before you give in to the urge to shop for new stuff, consider some home maintenance to show off what you have in the best possible light. You may find that after giving what you already have a little extra TLC, your craving for new stuff fades. You never know; you may even find yourself falling for your home and decor all over again.

1. Introduction

If you want to make your old home feel like new in Brisbane, then you have come to the right place. We are here with this new PDF that may be very helpful and informative for you. This PDF deals with the easy guide that you need to know before getting into the process. This guide will help you to make your old home feel like new in Brisbane without making any mistakes.

2. Low-Cost Updates That Add Value to Your Home

Custom details add character but can come with a big price tag in Brisbane. Follow these cost-cutting tips to personalize your home without exceeding your remodeling budget.

The customization and personalization of your home are important. It can benefit the flow and function of the space, making it more suitable for your family and your aesthetic. Unfortunately, home renovations can seriously add up. With a little planning and creative thinking, you can cut costs without sacrificing any updates. Check out these budget-friendly home improvement tips and tricks to plan your next project.

Paint the Front Door

First impressions are essential. Turn a drab exterior into a fabulous focal point with a quick coat of paint to boost curb appeal. Experts recommend choosing neutrals or matching the color of the house for a monochrome look, but you can also add a pop of your favorite color for personality. Some popular front door color choices are blues, greens, and cheery yellows. While you have all the supplies, don't forget to refresh the door trim, too!

Update Cabinet Hardware

Outdated hardware can distract from the charm of otherwise timeless cabinetry. Luckily, swapping out the hardware on bathroom and kitchen cabinets is a relatively cheap way to update your home. Cabinet handles or knobs range anywhere from \$1.50 to \$6.00 per piece. You can also buy them in bulk. The price per handle will go down significantly and you'll have enough to replace all of the hardware in the room.

Install New Flooring

High-traffic areas and carpeting don't mesh well. Places that are walked on more often tend to discolor and wear out faster than other areas. Implement durable (and easy to clean!) materials underfoot in

places like the living room, entryway, kitchen, and hallways. Materials like hardwoods, laminates, and tile are ideal. Traditional hardwoods can be pricey, plus, you're more likely to need to hire a professional installer. More affordable options include engineered hardwoods or laminate wood flooring. Laminate wood floors mimic the look of hardwood floors but are significantly lower in cost and easy to install yourself.



Paint or Stain Cabinets

Make dated cabinets a thing of the past by dedicating a weekend to getting down and dirty in the kitchen. If you're loving to improve the value of your home for resale, make sure to choose a versatile color when selecting a paint or stain color, and be careful to correctly prepare the cabinets before starting. This will likely entail stripping, sanding, and priming before painting or staining.

Use Ceramic Tile

Ceramic tile is classic and widely available at home centers and tile stores. Its traditional look makes it the perfect fit for bathrooms, kitchens, and fireplaces. Create a budget-friendly custom look by mixing ceramic tiles with a few decorative tiles. Or install subway tile with a unique pattern, such as herringbone or vertical running bond.

Pay Attention to Color

Color is a home designer's cheapest and most powerful tool when transforming a room in Brisbane. Whether you're adding a little color or a lot, make over any room in your home with a fresh coat of paint, or colorful tile, hardware, or accessories. Regardless of the colors you have in your home, if you're considering selling your home in the near future, consider repainting in neutral paint colors, which appeal more to buyers.

Install a Ceiling Fan

In colder months, it can be hard to keep homes warm. However, ceiling fans offer an economical way to cut costs and stay cozy by circulating warm air. Likewise, the fixtures also help keep rooms cool in the summer. Ceiling fans are easy to install and provide a layer of comfort, especially in bedrooms.

Skip Crown Molding

When working with a remodeling professional, purchasing molding materials and paying for installation can be tough on your pocketbook. Instead, go with less expensive wainscoting, a simple chair rail, or wall frame molding. Can't live without the crown molding look? Save money by installing it yourself.

Pick an Array of Light Fixtures

Choose to invest in pricier, eye-catching fixtures to highlight one or two main areas in the home. Dining rooms or areas in the kitchen (over the island or sink) are great candidates. For other areas, opt for less-expensive, off-the-shelf fixtures.

Enhance with Woodwork

Architectural woodwork not only adds character, but it also disguises imperfections in old walls. Use simple woodwork, such as beaded-board paneling and corner rosettes, to dress up walls and add interest to rooms. Beaded board is durable, budget-friendly, and can stand up to splashes, making it a popular choice for kitchens and bathrooms.

Add Carpet to Bedrooms

Wear and tear is inevitable on carpets, but no one wants to start a new chapter in someone else's mess. Install new cozy carpet in low-traffic areas, like bedrooms. Skip hardwood, laminate, or tile flooring; the future owner's feet will thank you on those chilly winter mornings.

Implement Open Shelving

Good looks and practicality are equal partners when implementing storage in heavy-traffic areas. Open shelves in the kitchen marry storage and display space, providing easy access to dishware during meal prep and entertaining. The technique also works well in any small space around the house, from bookcases to bathroom storage, as the visual openness keeps the room from feeling cluttered.

Pick Midrange Cabinetry

Select affordable, midrange kitchen cabinetry instead of top-of-the-line cabinets. The money you save can be spent on high-quality appliances. The extra allowance will help you find long-lasting appliances that complement your kitchen and your cooking preferences.

Add Additional Storage

Storage is an important part of any home. If your house lacks storage, think about adding multifunctional furniture, like portable kitchen islands and storage ottomans. Hidden storage can be a much more affordable alternative than adding shelving or built-ins.

3. Ways to Refresh Your Space Without Buying Anything New



If your lived-in spaces are going through a lull style-wise, there's no need to pull out your credit card. Instead, get creative with what is already in your home. A little ingenuity goes a long way to make your old items feel like new.

Is there a way to rearrange furniture that you haven't considered before? Or unexpected items you can place in frames you already own? Chances are, the answers are yes and yes.

Read on for five interior designer-approved ways to refresh your space with exactly \$0.

Rearrange Your Furniture

It's simply unrealistic (not to mention expensive and wasteful) to buy a new couch every time your living room's design feels stale. Your wallet will sigh with relief if you get creative with a room's layout instead.

"The simplest way to make a space feel new is to rearrange your furniture," Katie Simpson of Mackenzie Collier Interiors tells us. "Move pieces from one area to another, changing both the function and feeling of a room."

For example, swap out your entryway console table for a bench and potted plant instead. Perhaps that console table will find a new home in your dining room as a mini buffet table. While you're at it, consider moving your bed to another wall and if your couch could be positioned in another direction too. Your impulse to buy new furniture will immediately dissipate—trust us.

Declutter

Make Marie Kondo proud with a serious decluttering session. "Spaces tend to look chaotic and disorganized the more stuff we keep adding, so an easy way to refresh is to declutter and clean off your surfaces," Simpson says.

Don't overwhelm yourself, though. Take the decluttering process one room (or one shelf or one drawer) at a time, asking yourself if you still enjoy certain items, or if both you and the pieces themselves would be better off if they found a new home. Give your most meaningful items a front-and-center spot to display, rotate others out seasonally, and donate whatever doesn't spark Kondo-level joy anymore.

Rotate Your Decorative Pieces

The vase full of pampas grass that's been adding height and texture to your fireplace mantel would likely look just as inviting in your entryway. The same goes for your collection of tapered candles. Try moving them—and all of your small, versatile decorative items—to a new, well, home within your home.

"My favorite way to change the mood of my home without spending on new pieces is to rotate all of my decorative accents on my coffee table and shelves," Kathy Kuo, the founder and CEO of Kathy Kuo Home, says. Trying new combinations of items together results in a new, refreshed, and zero-dollars-needed look.

"If you have books on your bookshelf with artful covers, try placing them on your coffee table or console. If you're currently using a decorative bowl or tray in your entryway, see how you like it in your living room instead," she says.

Forage Your Yard

Whether you're a full-on green thumb or an aspiring no-longer-black thumb, plants are invaluable to a home's design. They bring color and life to a space, and with a little TLC, they are constantly evolving. Anyone with a house full of monsteras, birds of paradises, and snake plants knows that a trip to your local nursery can be rough on your budget, though.

Plants aren't cheap, so instead of dropping serious cash on a new green friend, grab a pair of shears and head outside. Place flowers from your yard or spindly, textured branches in a vase—that'll bring the texture and color you're looking for without the price tag of a new plant.

Create a Gallery Wall With Unexpected Art

“Gather your favorite art pieces or accessories from around the house and arrange them in a unique way to create a gallery wall,” Simpson suggests. “This will really make an impact and add a dimensional feature to your space.”

And remember: there’s no rule that says your gallery wall—or any artwork—has to stay static. Routinely switch out what’s in the frames to keep it fresh, and keep it fresh with unexpected items. Uncover your grandma’s handkerchief from the back of your closet to display it in a frame or show off your children’s artwork.

4. Cheap Home Decorating Ideas



Changing seasons naturally bring a new look to the great outdoors in Brisbane. But we mere humans have to work a little harder to keep our interior decorating feeling fresh. And when you're making significant changes to your home, it seems like our paychecks have to pull a lot of the weight, too.

If your living spaces look drab and your checkbook looks bleak, don't give up. There are lots of quick, easy and inexpensive things you can do to your home that will make it look bright and fresh. Here are 10 ideas to help you spruce up the place without breaking the bank.

Find a Fresh Coat of Paint

Walls are the backdrop for all of your decorating schemes. One of the cheapest, simplest ways to change the look of a room is to change the color of your walls. Plus, a new coat of paint gives your room an overall feeling of freshness.

If you're not up for painting the whole room, paint less. Pick one wall and give it a coat of a contrasting color.

Still too much? Paint your door. Use an unexpected color for pop, or use two colors to bring out the contours of paneled doors. Even just painting the interior panels of your bookcase or an aging but still useful side table will give you decorator style on a minimal budget.

Another aspect of interior design that will affect the new colors you choose is lighting. What can you do to add a softer mood to a bland room?

Look Up

You can bring an entire room into the modern age just by changing a light fixture. Do-it-yourself stores have a great variety of stylish, affordable lighting options. It's not hard to change a light fixture -- just remember to turn off the electricity to that light at the breaker box before you get started.

Lighting -- whether it's natural or artificial -- plays a role in the mood of a room, too. You can change the amount of light in a room very simply and economically. Is your room too dark? Consider taking down your heavy curtains or shutters and letting the sunlight in. Going for a romantic look? Use table lamps or floor lamps to put light just where you want it, and replace high wattage bulbs with lower wattage ones for a softer light. Look around for a deal -- you might find a great bargain on a beautiful used lamp at a flea market or antique shop.

Look Down

Floors need love, too. Want to create a big effect in one fast move? Throw down a bold area rug. Rugs may be underrated just because they're underfoot, but a big, bright rug adds interest and an irresistible focal point to a room. Don't leave your area rug floating around, though. Anchor it with a coffee table or chair so it looks like it belongs there.

Throw down some rugs in the kitchen, too. Bathroom rugs with non-skid backing add a splash of color and an oasis of comfort to work areas like the sink and stove. They're inexpensive, they come in a variety of sizes, and they're machine washable.

Move It All Around

One of the best, no-cost ways to redecorate is to repurpose things you already have. Look around your home and think of how items from one room could change the setting in another room. That old trunk in your bedroom might make an ideal coffee table for your living room. With a coat of paint and a set of casters, a bedside cabinet becomes a rolling bar. Maybe that painting in the dining room really belongs in the study. Try clustering items together, like candlesticks or colored glassware, to create a focal point. Seeing your old stuff with new eyes can be fun, and the only thing you'll spend by moving it around is a few calories.

Bring in the Outdoors

In your quest to improve your interior environment, house plants pull double -- or even triple -- duty. First, they bring a soothing, natural atmosphere into a room. Second, many kinds of house plants actually help cleanse the air of harmful indoor pollutants such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene, the dominant pollutants in newer homes and office buildings. Third, potted plants like herbs and aloe vera provide fresh ingredients for cooking (the herbs) and healing (aloe vera is often used to soothe burns and bug bites).

Visit your local nursery and pick out a few plants that suit your home. Make sure you check on the kind of care your plants will need -- how much sunlight they'll need, how often they'll need water, and so on. Don't neglect the little guys!

Plants for Healthy Homes

According to NASA research, these plants clean indoor air of harmful pollutants:

Aloe vera
Bamboo palm
Gerbera daisy
Peace lily
Philodendron
Spider plant



Appeal to the Senses

Decorating isn't just about eye appeal. It stimulates all the senses. In your furnishings, work in textures that beg to be touched -- like a butter-soft leather chair, chenille pillows or silky curtains.

If you're painting, you might even add textured paint to a wall. It'll look interesting to the eye, but you probably find yourself unable to resist running your hands across the walls as you pass through the house.

Bring in pleasant sounds with a table-top fountain or wind chimes hung just outside a window. Incorporate scent with aromatic candles, a stylish bowl of potpourri or a cylinder of fragrant oil with defusing reeds.

Speaking of senses, adding one or two accent colors can be a quick way to bring character into a room. Read more about it on the next page.

Add Color

Sometimes, a touch of color is all you need. Choose an accent color (two at the most) that either complements or contrasts with your current color scheme. Then, let that color flash at different points around the room. If, for example, you choose red, toss a couple of red throw pillows on your bed or the sofa. Put red shades on your lamps. Tie back your curtains with cords in your accent color. And use small accessories, like candles, picture frames, vases and book spines, to bring your accent color to tables and shelves.

Subtract Clutter

A room looks its best when it's neat and tidy. In everyday life, however, things get messy. The cheap and easy solution? Lighten the clutter load! Step one is free: Sift, sort and toss unnecessary stuff. Step two: Get creative with nifty storage containers to corral necessary stuff. Baskets or bins that slip into entertainment units and bookshelves work great for keeping small items and toys organized. Larger, decorative baskets can help works in progress, like books and needlework, look like part of the décor while keeping them conveniently close at hand. Other ways to lose the cluttered look:

Organize your shelves

Reduce the number of collectibles on display

Move excess furniture out of crowded rooms

Hang It Up

Artwork adds points of interest to rooms and reveals something about your personality, interests or dreams. There are several ways to add art to your home without breaking your budget. If you want a big, bold statement piece, try flea markets and auctions, including office closures and business sell-offs.

Another option is to cluster small, intriguing framed photos or prints. Hang them in unique ways, suspending them from ribbons or vines, to create a unique presentation.

Feel free to think outside the frame. Heirloom quilts or a collection of items with special meaning make great wall displays. Beauty can be functional, too. Add a focal point and free up kitchen cabinet space by hanging cookware on an appealing pot rack.

Small Stuff

Small accessories make big impressions. Changing the cabinet handles and drawer pulls in your kitchen and bathroom can bring a whole new style to your existing cabinetry. It's a great fix for outdated furniture, too. We take light switch and electrical outlet covers for granted, but they're important decorating points. Try upgrading from builder's plastic to something stylish from your do-it-yourself store. In the bathroom, add interesting shower curtain holders and towel hooks. Some types of faucet handles are also easy and inexpensive to change.

For custom accessories, use leftover interior paint to make unique flower planters and picture frames. To put your own touches on lampshades, glue on monogram letters, eye-catching trim, or small, decorative items.

5. Ways To Make Your Old Home Feel New Without A Big Renovation



Designing an old home can be somewhat of a paradox. On one hand, there are unique qualities that give the home a personality, even without furniture or decor filling the rooms. Conversely, it can be tough to upgrade and align the space with your specific tastes. Popcorn ceilings and carpeted bathrooms from more recent decades can feel just as stifling as the not-so-easily-changable structural elements of homes built in the late 1800s. It can be frustrating when you want to make serious changes, but all signs seem to be pointing at renovations and expensive installations.

Though it sounds next to impossible to really influence the overall look of a space without some kind of demolition or large investment, there are smaller tweaks and redesigns that can be made that are surprisingly effective.

How to Make an Old Home Feel New

Small changes can accumulate into one large impact after a while. The following ideas can be combined or selected on their own to make relatively quick differences in the look of an old home without costing the same as large-scale renovations—in both time and money. Here's how to make an old home feel new again.

1. Set the Design Style and Color Palette

When you're trying to tweak an old home that has a bold or obvious style, it can be overwhelming. Start with the basics: color palette and overall design theme. Once you decide on that warm color

scheme or a new mid-century modern flair, it'll be easier to wrap your head around exactly what needs to change and what's sticking out like a sore thumb.

2. Replace a Major Focal Point of a Room

Larger items of furniture can steal the limelight. This is wonderful if it reflects the design style you're looking to achieve, but detrimental if it's only complementing the surrounding old details that you're not in love with. Gargantuan sofas or an old bed frame are suggestions of typically eye-catching furniture that can be changed. You don't have to get rid of the piece you're replacing either. Instead, move it to a different room to give another space a different feel.

3. Repaint Just One Wall

Don't underestimate the power of paint. It may not structurally adjust a place, but it can be transformative. All-white rooms are the perfect candidate for an accent wall, which can instantly refresh how the space looks and feels. If time and budget allow, repainting a room or two fully can drastically improve the overall atmosphere of a house, too.

4. Swap Out Hardware

Cabinet pulls, door handles, and drawer knobs are all excellent small details that have proven to be effective in influencing an old home—or simply any home that needs a little zhuzhing. Even the dials on a stovetop range or the faucet and handles on a sink can be replaced for something newer.

5. Rethink the Fireplace

A fixture like this may be putting a damper on your home. This can be as simple as painting old red brick a refreshing white, deep navy, or another fitting shade. Fireplaces can also be retiled (another great place for pulling out that handy peel-and-stick tile). For those that are no longer functioning or didn't have the capacity to burn in the first place, try filling with books, similarly-sized wooden logs, or a small electric warmer.

6. Add Temporary Wallpaper

Removing antiquated wallpaper is one way to update a room, but adding temporary wallpaper is another. These semi-permanent options are simpler to apply than standard wallpaper and can be changed out every now and then for an original look. A boring builder-grade bathroom can become an ornate, Art Deco-inspired powder room and plain walls can receive a wallpaper treatment to help frame a room in a new light.

7. Switch Out Soft Goods

Textiles like curtains, blankets, pillows, and even bedding are great complementary pieces, so swapping them out can do a lot for a room—more instantaneously than anything else. An underlying coastal theme, a cozy cottage-style look, or a sleek, minimal feel can all emerge through the use of the right soft goods.

8. Implement Peel-and-Stick Tiles

Rather than calling in professionals to pull up flooring or walls and reinstalling something new, peel-and-stick tiles are much more cost-effective and for many, are easy to DIY. They can be used on floors and walls alike. If the idea of doing an entire space sounds overwhelming, try using them as a backsplash or on a countertop to begin.

6. Best Cleaning Tips To Make Your House Look Like New



The idea of transforming a cluttered, dust-laden, dirty home into a sparkling one is good. Whether you are prepping for a house party or just want to maintain a hygienic abode, follow the right methods and use the proper tools to achieve desired results.

Maintaining a tip-top house requires attention-to-detail cleaning, effective stain-removal techniques, quality products, necessary cleaning supplies and expert advice.

It is good to hire professionals for a thorough house cleaning Brisbane because they can tackle all types of stains, grime, mould and grease without giving you a hint of stress.

Well, you can also do it with the help of the following cleaning tips. Make sure you have enough time and patience to bring back the pristine look of your abode.

Let's Get Started!

1. Remove The Clutter

It is always good to start with de-cluttering. So, inspect room by room and pick up the mess. This will help you purge unwanted items, make your home look spacious, and save cleaning time.

First, remove items from the floor, such as toys, newspapers, magazines, old shoes, socks, etc. Get rid of expired or empty items in your pantry, fridge and storage units.

Ask your kids to assist you in picking up toys and books. This will make things easy for you.

2. Start With Dusting

Is someone in your family suffering from hay fever, coughing, runny nose or sneezing? This could be a sign of dust mite allergy. If you want to make your house look like new, you have to start from scratch. Make sure you know the correct order to clean a house.

Removing accumulated dust from every nook and cranny is your prime responsibility. Wipe down the tops of your furniture, picture frames, TV screens, and hard-to-reach areas, such as blinds. Grab some microfiber dusters and cloths and eliminate dust particles, grime, loose debris and other allergens from ceiling fans, walls, light fixtures, cupboard tops, windows, and other hard surfaces

If you are at the end of your tenancy, hire seasoned professionals for a meticulous bond cleaning Brisbane. They follow the REIQ-approved checklist and cover every inch of the rental premises to help you get the full bond back.

3. Wash Windows

Do not forget to wash your windows, inside and out to achieve sparkling results. Make sure you cover sills, frames and edges to help you get rid of dust, dirt, stains and grime.

First, remove loose debris using a microfiber cloth. Now, spray vinegar and warm soapy water to get rid of stains, grime. Make sure you use a squeegee to get rid of excess water. This won't leave streaks behind.

4. Focus On Kitchen Appliances

Make sure you de-grease your oven and microwave to make them look new again. All you need to do is to spray the all-purpose cleaner and leave it for a few minutes. Soak the racks in hot soapy water and wait for 20 minutes. After that, grab a scrub or sponge and clean the interiors of your appliances.

You can also apply baking soda paste to bring shiny look. You can use the same solution to clean your fridge and dishwasher.

5. Clean And Disinfect Countertops & Stovetop

Wipe down the kitchen countertops and a stovetop using baking soda solution. You can also use hydrogen peroxide to get rid of spills, splatters, oil stains and stubborn marks.

Make sure you disinfect these surfaces using a product that has at least 70 per cent of alcohol concentration.

6. Sinks And Faucets

These are the most overlooked areas when it comes to cleaning a kitchen. Make sure you unclog the garbage disposal and clean the sink using baking soda and water paste. Make sure you unclog drains using effective methods. You can also use magic erasers to achieve sparkling results. Don't forget to clean and disinfect faucets.

7. Clean Showers, Tubs, And Toilets

Spray the cleaning agent on the shower head, glass door, bathroom sinks, bathtubs and toilets. Let it sit for 10 minutes to break down stains and dirt. Now, take a scrubbing page and clean the surface.

Use a toilet cleaning brush to remove rust stains from the bowl.

Rinse the areas with clean water.



8. Vacuum Your Carpets And Rugs

Vacuuming is one of the important aspects of keeping dust, dirt, allergens and pollen at bay. You can bring a HEPA-filtered vacuum machine to fetch tiny dust particles, dust mites, pet hair and pollen embedded deep inside the fibres of your floor coverings. This will prevent you from allergies and viruses.

9. Sweep And Mop The Floor

Sweep the floor to fetch loose debris, dust, and grime. Cover the area beneath furniture and heavy items. Start mopping from the farthest area of your room and move back towards the main door. Rinse the mop and make your home look sparkling clean.

These are some of the best cleaning tips that will make your house look like new without a hint of stress. Do proper research and hire the best bond cleaners in Brisbane if you are at the end of your lease.

7. Conclusion

The process is one of the most challenging and complicated, which is why you must follow this guide carefully. This guide also helps you to save your time, effort and money.

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