



DIY

Weekend

The weekend is a great time to tackle a simple project and quickly update your living space. Here are a few ideas for improvements that won't eat up all your spare time.

Improve Your Entryway

A splash of color and new hardware can make an old door modern and inviting. Add a bistro table and some potted plants to create a relaxing scene and improve curb appeal.



Put Dimmers on Your Lights

Dimmer switches can quickly add ambiance to almost any room in the house. You can use standard incandescent bulbs, but if you prefer fluorescent light, look for special dimmable bulbs.



Add Color Without Commitment

Paint isn't the only solution to add color throughout your home. Use fabric, scrapbook paper or wrapping paper to line the backs of built-ins, bookshelves and entertainment centers. Change them out regularly to match the season.



Update Your Sink

Tired of your old sink? You don't need to do a full replacement. Try a new faucet and see how easily your kitchen sink is transformed. Make sure the configuration matches the existing sink before purchasing a new faucet.



Patch Holes in Interior Walls

Over time, homes can get pretty beat up between rearranging pictures and doorknobs hitting the wall. With a putty knife and surfacing compound, you can easily repair nail holes and other minor wall imperfections. For larger holes, place an adhesive patch over the area and spread an all-purpose drywall compound over it with a trowel. Paint over the patch when it is dry.



Hang a Bathroom Medicine Cabinet

A medicine cabinet can improve a bathroom by updating the design and reducing counter clutter. And it can be accomplished for minimal cost and time, with only a stud finder and a drill. The easiest installation is to find a cabinet that will mount directly to the wall rather than recessing it between studs.



Clean Your Showerheads

Use vinegar to remove mineral deposits from your showerhead and improve flow. Either remove the showerhead and soak it in vinegar, or fill a plastic bag with vinegar and affix it to the showerhead with string or a rubber band. Allow it to soak for a few hours and then use an old toothbrush to scrub away the residue. Finish up by wiping it down with a damp cloth.



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