

# Updates That Refresh Any Room

## Affordable Changes Can Lift Comfort, Style and Everyday Use

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For homeowners thinking about resale, these changes also help present a home with care. For buyers settling into a new place, they offer a practical way to add personality while improving daily life.

### **PAINT MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Paint remains one of the most affordable room updates. The National Association of Realtors has noted in remodeling research that painting is a common project because it freshens worn surfaces and can improve how a home shows.

Color choice matters, but so does condition. Clean walls in neutral or soft tones can brighten a room and help natural light spread more evenly across the space.

### **LIGHTING CHANGES MOOD**

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adding a table lamp or using brighter bulbs in work areas can make a room feel more open and easier to use.

The U.S. Department of Energy says light-emitting diode, or LED, bulbs use less energy and last longer than incandescent lighting. That makes a lighting update a style choice that can also support lower energy use over time.

### **SMALL HARDWARE, BIG IMPACT**

Cabinet pulls, drawer knobs and door hardware are easy details to overlook, yet they shape the look of kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms. Replacing worn or mismatched hardware can make older cabinetry appear cleaner and more current.

Consistency helps. When finishes work together across a room, the space tends to feel

more settled and intentional without requiring major work.

### **FINISHING TOUCHES**

Décor can also refresh a room when it is used with restraint. Area rugs, mirrors, curtains and pillows can add color, texture and softness, while framed art and plants bring life to blank corners and bare walls.

Arrangement is just as important as what is added.

Removing clutter, improving furniture placement and leaving clear walking paths can make a room feel larger and more welcoming.

These changes succeed because they focus on everyday experience. A brighter lamp near a reading chair, fresh paint in a hallway or new hardware on kitchen cabinets can make a home feel cared for and ready for the next season of life.



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#### Start With Paint

If one room feels tired, paint first. It is affordable, fast and visible right away, and it often helps you decide what lighting, hardware or décor should come next.

#### HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

**LED Bulb:** An LED bulb is a light source that uses a semiconductor to produce light. Compared with incandescent bulbs, LEDs generally use less energy and have a longer rated life.

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