

10 TIPS TO SPRUCE UP YOUR NEW HOME

There are many ways to make a new home enjoyable while you are saving for that new furniture or appliances. Below are some quick tips to get your new home in tip top shape without spending a lot of money!

1) MAKE EACH ROOM YOUR OWN

The fun begins! Make a list. Take each room and place a photo, plant, artwork or personal item that reflects you. Your home should show off your unique personality.

2) TRUE COLORS

Bring out the warmth of your home with a new coat of paint. Choose warm colors for rooms you will be relaxing in, and cool colors for offices and bathrooms.

3) PAY ATTENTION TO LIGHT

Let beautiful sunlight in from window views. Even a sliding glass door will offer great views. Keeping these spaces open and unblocked makes perfect for entertaining guests.

4) CURTAINS

Simple yet pretty curtains can be cost effective by dressing up with a tassel tie. If using a solid color, off-white will match with everything, or pick a color that you know would brighten up the room.

5) MATS & FRAMES

Create your own art. Choose a candid action shot, buy an oversized mat and simply frame. Try this in two's and three's. It's a great way to express your creativity and to dress up a bare wall.

6) CHAIR MAKEOVERS

Love that old chair because it's comfy and cannot part with? Cover up with a solid fabric of medium weight, quilt or blanket. To spruce it up even more, add a throw pillow or two.

7) RUGS & CARPETS

Find a nice and simple rug to layer your carpet. A vibrant rug can add a splash of color to any room. Another idea is to add Zabutons, which makes great staging and decorating.

8) PLANTS & FLOWERS

Use your interior decorating eye and find that perfect spot for potted plants and flowers. Instead of throwing out withering flowers, hang them upside down and use as a dry arrangement. Large vases with bamboo, peacock feather or other decorative art will surely brighten up any space.

9) FLEA MARKET & GARAGE SALES

Owners who have their homes listed often sell their furniture's at flea market and garage sales. Spend a Sunday at the flea market or check your local newspaper or Craigslist for great buys. You might just come across something of interest like a set of patio furniture, grill or even a paddleboard that will save you hundreds of dollars.

10) SIMPLIFY

While you settle in your new home, throw away unnecessary items that you will not use and spring clean once a year.