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DON'T HAVE A HUGE BUDGET?

Don't have the budget for a kitchen overhaul? Start small, with new hardware or countertops

DISPLAY COLOURFUL ART

There are so many options available today for sourcing artwork from original pieces by local artists to big box retailers that sell affordable large scale reproduction pieces. Artwork is an easy way to bring colour into your life without having to paint your walls. Create an instant focal point using a large piece of art, framed or unframed, with strong visual elements that are easy to read from a distance.



10 BRILLIANT WAYS TO
FRESHEN UP
YOUR DÉCOR

A fresh white tile backsplash with mosaic band accent is a quick and inexpensive update.



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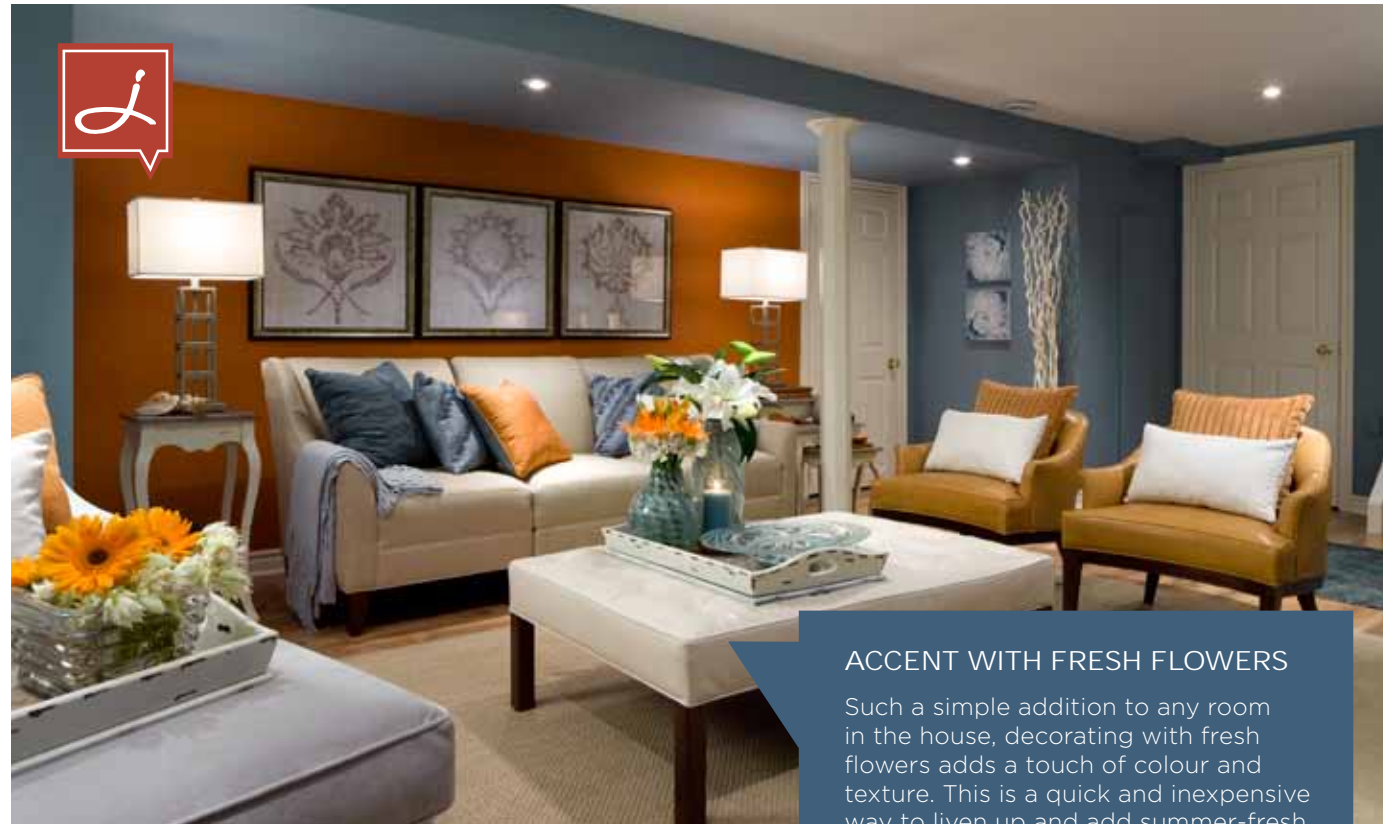
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Refreshing your home is a great way to change the look of your interior spaces without the massive cost and chaos of renovating and rebuilding. Here are ten easy-on-the-budget ways to revive your spaces for a bright and breezy summertime look that will endure all year long.



ACCENT WITH FRESH FLOWERS

Such a simple addition to any room in the house, decorating with fresh flowers adds a touch of colour and texture. This is a quick and inexpensive way to liven up and add summer-fresh fragrance to a room that anyone can do. Tip: Remove as many extra green leaves that will be below the water and cut the stems short so that the flower heads dome above the rim of the vase for a fuller look.

INFUSE BRIGHTNESS

Colour is an excellent way to infuse brightness and personality into your space

ADD THROW PILLOWS

This is a simple way to bring an old sofa or chair back to life. Choose a few toss pillows in various shapes and sizes with lots of colour, texture or pattern and layer them on the furniture. A great designer tip: pillows help tie a room's colour scheme together and also make the whole space flow better, making the room appear larger.

ADD LIGHTING

Lighting is one of the most overlooked design elements for adding life to a room. Lighting draws your eye into a space and is instrumental in creating focal points when used to highlight a specific area or item in the space. In addition, more lighting means a brighter space which is important in Canada with our long dreary winter months. Save energy and create more lighting options in your space by putting lights on dimmer switches and use LED bulbs whenever possible.



Bold colours with good lighting solutions make the perfect combination for dark spaces.



KEEP WINDOW COVERINGS LIGHT

To keep a space open and airy it's important to allow as much light as possible to filter into the room. Covering your windows with sheer drapes and blinds rather than heavy lined drapery will allow light to filter into the room and will make the room feel big and spacious. Sheers are an excellent solution for small condo spaces. Today's sheers are available in a vast array of colours and patterns and can be installed to look fresh and modern.

HANG MIRRORS

It's no secret that mirrors reflect light or draw attention, but they're also a great tool to create drama! Adding mirrors on walls across or adjacent to windows will create the sense of a secondary window and can add depth in otherwise flat spaces. For more interest, choose a mirror with a chunky or detailed frame for even more impact.

REPLACE COUNTERTOPS

Although a more costly update, replacing an old countertop with sparkling new ones can have a huge impact. Adding a solid surface countertop can increase the value of your home and add style and function to kitchens and baths. Options like quartz or granite are durable and beautiful and really do make these spaces look brighter and more expensive! Your new countertops will inspire you to choose a sleek and modern under-mounted sink and add a new faucet. This is a lifetime investment and a fabulous way to refresh the two most important rooms in the house.

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CHANGE WALL COLOURS

Painting is the fastest way to change the atmosphere of a space. It's inexpensive and relatively fast to do. If you've been living with dark colours, switch to lighter shades and experience the high impact a colour change can bring.



GROUP ACCESSORIES

Often the challenge is not which accessories to purchase, but how to arrange them. Arrange reflective accessories including fresh flowers on a large tray in groupings of three, five or seven and place it on a large ottoman or coffee table place. These colourful accents will make a powerful statement, create a focal point and keep the space less cluttered. Without the clutter, the room will open up and flow better. 

Colour shy? The simplicity and sophistication of a black and white palette loves to play backup to pops of colour.



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