

Hints For Homeowners

Modernize Your Living Space With Simple Techorating Tips

(NAPSA)—In today's economy, fewer people are looking to purchase new homes—many are focusing instead on ways to upgrade their existing living space.

Before you can upgrade, it's important to size up ways to update and remodel your home. One easy way to update a home is by going beyond decorating a room, to "techorating."

Techorating combines technology and interior design, allowing people to maximize their space when adding new electronics to a room.

Doug Wilson, of TLC's "Moving Up" and "Trading Spaces," is the LG Techorator, an expert on integrating style and technology into the home, and he has several tips to help with any home-remodeling projects.

"Technology is an important part of so many rooms," said Wilson. "But it doesn't have to stick out in an unattractive way. When planning a room's decorating scheme, you might, for example, not only leave space to integrate a new flat-panel TV or home theater system, you might also incorporate design elements so it blends with the room."

Wilson offers the following remodeling tips:



Wall-mounting a flat-screen TV can add space to your room and streamline the look and feel.

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- **Start small**—while this may seem like the best time to remodel your entire home, don't try to tackle it all at once. Pick one or two rooms you think would best benefit from an update and start there.

- **Pick a focal point**—this will help you decide where to begin your efforts and work from there. In many cases, the entertainment center will be the focal point; that's where techorating really comes into play. If you are working with a larger living space, remember not to go overboard with one particular theme, pattern or technology. With just a few integral pieces, the room can be made to feel spacious yet comfortable.

- **Consider the space**—remember, the size of your

room matters. Bigger isn't always better. The technology in your room should be in proportion to the room for the best aesthetic and functional fit. For example, look for the best integration, not necessarily the biggest TV.

- **Keep a clean design**—with all of the technology in today's homes, people need to practice "cord control." To maintain a cleaner, more organized look, leading technology companies like LG Electronics offer wireless speakers, giving your living space a crisp, modern feel.

These can add impeccable sound to the room without taking over your interior design and cluttering your room.

- **Clear the clutter**—recycle your old TV and bring in a new flat-screen for an instant style upgrade. Many consumer electronics companies are introducing recycling programs for this very purpose.

Wall-mounting a flat-screen can add space to your room while maintaining the overall feel of your interior design.

For more tips on how you can easily incorporate the sleek look of today's electronics into your overall design scheme, visit www.lgusa.com/Techorate.