

# BUDGET STRETCHING HOME DECORATING IDEAS

## Do-It-Yourself Decorating: Take The \$50 Challenge

(NAPSA)—Having a new home at the old address may be a lot easier and less costly than many people realize.

That's because a delightfully inexpensive, easy solution to meeting many decorating needs can be lighting. "Most people don't realize it, but color is a direct product of light," said Steve Goldmacher, lighting expert from Philips Lighting. "Many times people think they need more decorations and new paint when all they really need to do is highlight what they already have."

Here's how to change the look and feel of your home for only \$50.



**Create reading-friendly spaces: \$3**

**\$5 Make Your Favorite Lamp Sparkle:** Use a multi-faceted bulb such as the Halogená Brilliant Crystal to give your lampshade a shimmering effect. "While 70 percent of all bulbs in the home are your standard incandescents, halogen bulbs can be substituted to accentuate the texture and color of your lampshades," said Goldmacher.

**\$6 Highlight Your Artwork:** Poor lighting makes your art-



**Maximize your landscaping: \$11**

work lose its luster. Make art the focal point of your living room by accenting it with halogen spotlights.

**\$15 Dress Up Your Mirrors:** Twenty-five percent of incandescent bulbs are used in the wrong fixtures, including in the bathroom. Rather than using standard Soft White bulbs in your vanity fixtures, use four DuraMax white Vanity Globes to eliminate shadows and help you look your best.

**\$7 Create A Bug-Free Zone On Your Patio:** Little known fact: bugs don't see yellow. "Most people think bug zappers or smelly candles are the only way to get rid of bugs at outdoor barbecues, but they're astounded when I tell them you can do it by changing your light bulb," said Goldmacher. Using a yellow Bug-A-Way compact fluorescent lamp over your patio ensures that bugs fly elsewhere.

**\$3 Accentuate Your Kitchen:** Use a soft white fluorescent

bulb above your cabinets to create the illusion that you have more space in your kitchen. Uplighting the area between your cabinets and ceiling causes light to bounce back down into the kitchen, which makes the atmosphere brighter and more open.

**\$3 Create Reading-Friendly Spaces:** Reading a book under overhead lights casts shadows on the page, which strains your eyes. To get the best reading light in your bedroom, add a table lamp next to and slightly behind you and equip it with a Halogená classic bulb for optimum light.

**\$11 Maximize Your Landscaping:** Shine a floodlight up through your plants at night to illuminate them and create beautiful shadows on your home.



**Create a bug-free zone: \$7**

You've just used lighting to change the look and feel of seven places around your home. All it takes is a trip to your local Home Depot and \$50.