

Decorating Ideas Designed To Stick To Your Budget

(NAPSA)—Homeowners who put redecorating plans on hold until they have enough savings need not forgo small spruce-ups that refresh their current surroundings, say interior design professionals. Here are a few creative decorating ideas that won't break the bank.

“Swap out wall art,” suggests Kristi Hassen of New Image Art & Frame, Philadelphia. “You'd be surprised at how much just relocating existing posters and lightweight prints changes the look of a room,” she says. Such swapping is simple with self-stick picture hangers with Command adhesive from 3M, for both wire-backed or sawtooth frames. They adhere firmly to nearly all flat surfaces, remove easily without leaving any holes, marks or traces of sticky residue and with replacement strips, can be used again and again.

“Add dimension to a group of prints by including a wood carving, a decorative sconce, basket or painted dish in the arrangement,” she advises. Some lightweight objects can be hung by lavish ribbon from 3M hooks with Command adhesive which come in aquatic and bright blue, red, hunter and aquatic green, black and white, to name a few.

Chicago-based interior designer Marc Straits of Straits Design Associates, Ltd., offers an ingenious idea for creating a faux library wall to add interest along a narrow foyer or at the top of a staircase. Build a faux bookcase frame with strips of wood lath, normally used to make lattice. (You could also use molding, but it costs more.) Add horizontal strips of lath as “shelves” within the frame. Gather used books, which are often sold by the box—for next-to-nothing—at yard sales and junk shops.



Swap out wall art to make dramatic changes in a room by pulling in favorite plates, craft show and flea market finds. The family of self-stick hooks and picture hangers with Command adhesive from 3M leaves your walls intact with neither stains nor sticky residue. Use the products again and again with replacement strips.

Cut the bindings from the best-preserved, leaving about a half-inch of each cover on either side of the spine—to provide a dimension equal to the depth of the frame. Then line them along the simulated shelves. Ask lumberyard staff for the appropriate adhesives to use.

Pauline Allison, brand manager for Command adhesive products from 3M, adds novelty lights to brighten up a hallway in her home. 3M decorating clips are made precisely for hanging them. She changes the strings for holidays, celebrations and each season.

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