

## Expert tips for home makeover

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Changing the look and feel of your home doesn't have to cost a fortune. We can use simple readymade and inexpensive items to change the entire look of a room by following a few steps as given below:

**Decide** – For each room that you want to makeover, take some time and decide what stays and what needs to go. A lot of time, we keep unnecessary items in a room that makes the space look cluttered and it is important to get rid of the same.

**Repaint your furniture** – Apart from being a productive and a fun-filled way to spend your weekends, repainting your old furniture with different types of paint finishes can instantly transform the look of a space. Try going for a rustic and distressed paint look on old furniture to enhance the antique look.

**Play with textures** – Textures play an important role in introducing visual weight into a room. Textures could be introduced as wall paints, surface finishes of furniture, upholstery fabric or even small items as a floor rug. While rough textures make a space feel intimate and grounded, smooth textures bring a sleeker and more aloof tone to the room.



**Change upholstery and drapery** – Using slip covers over chairs with Velcro fasteners works well if you want to have a different look every season simply by changing the covers and their colors. Upholstery with accent colors instantly changes the look of a space by introducing an element of pop.

**Hang a mirror** – The strategic placement of a mirror can add an enormous amount of natural light into your home if placed at a location where it can reflect the beam of sunlight coming into the room. In addition to bouncing light, the mirror creates a virtual space and adds drama into the room.

**Bring in your garden home** – Whether used in hanging pots, ground pots, climbers on wall surfaces, creepers from high shelves or simply as bright accents in a tray, plants bring a lot of variety in bringing about a fresh look into a room. Brightly colored fruits like lemons or cut flowers like Daffodils placed in a tray in a kitchen serve a dual purpose of display and function.

**Go green** – Going green takes simple, smart and small steps. Follow the three R's – Refurbish, Re-paint and Recycle. By re-using old furniture, frames, artwork, etc., you are making your own small world contribution to saving our planet.