10 WEEKEND PROJECTS



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projects all under $20

1.

Replace a Window Treatment

Has the window shade above your kitchen sink been marred by repeated exposure to splashes and cooking liquids? Replace a stained window covering with an inexpensive fabric treatment and see your kitchen in a whole new light.



Make a Message Center



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An inexpensive glass panel can be pressed into service as a message center wherever it's needed. To make a design like this, paint the back of a glass panel to complement your kitchen and frame it. Use dry-erase markers to write notes and reminders.

3. Brighten a Bookcase

Give a bookcase an exciting backdrop by applying contact paper, scrapbook paper, or fabric to its back. If you don't want to commit to a particular design or color scheme, measure the piece's back panel and mount the background material on poster board, cut to the size of each shelf.



4. Tackle Trimwork



You might not be able to install new trimwork in your home for $20, but you can make improvements to what you already have. Replace mismatched, missing, or damaged moldings, end caps, quarter rounds, or baseboard. Curved areas might require a special piece or trim made of an alternate material.

Organize the Entry

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Keep dirt and mud contained with a boot tray near your home's entryway. Buy one that's easy to clean, or create your own from a jelly-roll pan. If storage space is limited, tuck the tray beneath a slim console table.



Update House Numbers



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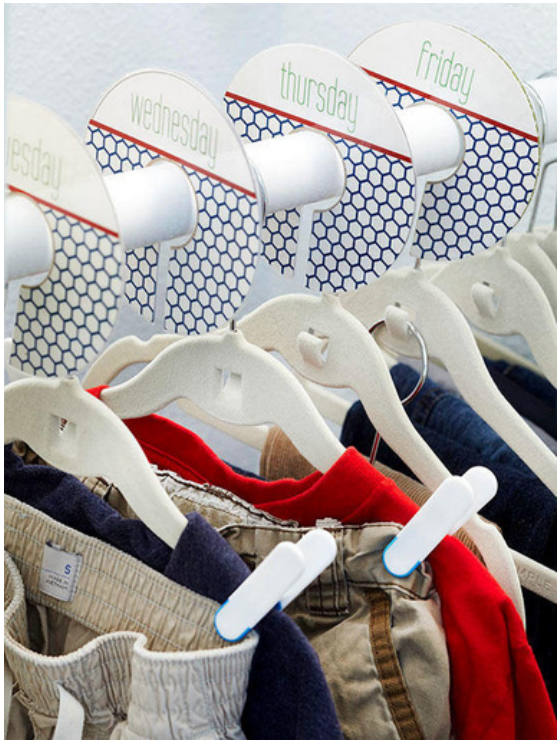
All it takes is a screwdriver and few minutes to give your front door a personality-filled facelift. Change out poorly operating door hardware or make house numbers more readable for a pretty, practical update on the cheap.

7. Replace Switch plates

Replace a plastic switch plate with a wood, metal, or ceramic cover to make a visual statement. Some switch plates are even textured to blend in with marble, tile, or stone surfaces. Do this for light switches, electrical outlets, and phone and cable jacks.



8. Elevate a Closet



Coax function from a messy closet with thoughtful accessories designed to elevate organization. Categorize hanging garments by type, day of the week, or family member with colorful tags. Slim, slip-free hangers look uniform and maximize space.

9. Step Up Storage

Plastic bins are a versatile and inexpensive way to restore order in almost every in-home trouble spot. Using clear bins for storage in a pantry or for a closet gift-wrap station, for example, is an easy way to take inventory and identify items at a glance. Use labels to ensure everything stays tidy and easy to access.



10. Designate a Drop Spot



Enhance the style and storage of your entryway with a designated place for important drop-zone items. Create a mini hang-up station for house keys and outgoing mail on the back of a cabinet door. Use magnetic strips, Peg-Board, or an old ceiling tin and add hooks to store items in one convenient location near the door.



I hope you have enjoyed these fun ideas as much as I did! I like to remember that updating and organizing your home is best done one step at a time and is a task that is never finished! Please let me know if you have any questions.

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