

10 Affordable Ways

to Improve Your Home's Value



1. A Fresh Coat of Paint

Paint is a versatile tool that is often overlooked as a way to freshen outdated style while on a budget. Updating a color scheme, painting kitchen cabinets, or repurposing old floors with paint, are often **much cheaper alternatives than remodeling a kitchen or refinishing floors.**

Stumped as to what color(s) to choose? There are several apps from the top paint manufacturers!

ColorSmart by BEHR® Mobile
ColorSnap® by Sherwin-Williams
Color Capture® by Benjamin Moore



Quick FIX

Unsure of that paint shade? Paint a 2'x2' square on the wall you want to paint and leave it up for two days. It's a great way to see the color in natural light and is enough time to make sure you love it!

-Design Tip-

Try one of these winning palettes for a fresh makeover. Visit bhg.com for exact colors.



2. *Add Indoor Sun Shades and Screens*

Window treatments can lower energy use and are less expensive than replacing windows. New styles can add an aesthetic appeal to the home décor. **Adding a shade or screen can reduce the amount of heat transferred through windows and protect furniture, artwork, and flooring from sun fading.** Mid-Land Awnings offers customized styles of interior shades and screens that are retractable, motorized, and specific to your needs and budget. Check out the gallery at www.mid-landenterprises.com/deck-patio-awnings/awnings-gallery/.



3. *Update Light Fixtures*



Did you know HGTV considers ceilings as a “fifth wall” to a room? A new ceiling fan or adding recessed lighting to brighten up a dark room can make a world of difference!

**Quick
FIX**

Consider **upgrading to LED bulbs** to get the most bang (and light!) for your money.



4. *Build an Outbuilding/Shed*

Having a central location to put lawn and garden tools, sports equipment, and outdoor toys increases space in your garage, attic, and closets. **Reducing clutter in main living areas creates the illusion of bigger rooms and provides more livable space.**



5. *Install a Carport*

Adding a carport can protect your investments in more ways than one. **It costs less than building a new garage, and the year round protection from rain, hail, snow, and heat offers peace of mind.** Mid-Land Awnings' Carport Covers are custom fabricated and installed to suit your needs and budget. Call us at 417-782-7582 for a free consultation.

6. Update Your Curb Appeal

ERA's Kristin Willens says, "Don't underestimate the power of a front door. People make up their minds in the first seven seconds of entering a house." Consider painting your front door with a fresh pop of color for added pizzazz.

Another way to improve that first impression is simply spending a weekend to do yard work. Pulling weeds, mulching garden beds, and pruning existing shrubs is a great way to freshen the landscaping and keep your home's exterior looking clean.



Quick FIX

A pressure washer is a multitasking gadget that can **freshen up a deck, fence, outdoor furniture, and even siding!** Consider renting one for the weekend!

-Design Tip-

Painting a door is a small project that can make a **big impact**. Consider finding containers in a coordinating color to **pull the look together**.



7. *Easy Bath Updates*

A complete overhaul of an outdated bathroom can be costly. Instead of gutting a bathroom and starting from scratch, **consider what you can refinish and reuse.** *This Old House* has some great budget-friendly bathroom recommendations: (1) replacing frosted glass for clear glass, (2) cleaning the grout, (3) removing rust stains (4) applying fresh caulk (5) updating doorknobs and cabinet pulls (6) replacing faucets (7) and installing a low-flush toilet.

Quick FIX

A tube of bathroom caulk costs \$6. Even if your bathroom needs three tubes (which is highly unlikely) **this project will cost less than \$20!**



8. *Repurpose an Existing Room*



Before shelling out thousands for an addition, take a moment to **evaluate your current living space and see if there is any space you can reinvent.** Maybe it's carving out a new office space in a living room, renovating an attic space into a new bedroom, or finishing part of the basement into a family area. Versatile rooms appeal to everyone.



-Design Tip-

Do you have a bedroom that's too small? Open it up to another bedroom to create a gorgeous dressing room/walk-in closet! Got kids? Transform that empty spot in the kitchen into a homework station.

9. Embrace the Great Outdoors

Creating an outdoor oasis can improve your home's value and expand your living space. Instead of retreating indoors when the weather is less than cooperative, add a retractable awning and enjoy the outdoors. Awnings are also a great way to spruce up the exterior appearance of your house while saving on energy bills. At Mid-Land Awnings, we can install a high quality retractable awning over your deck or patio and turn it into a comfortable living area. Visit www.mid-landenterprises.com/deck-patio-awnings/ for ideas.



Quick FIX

Invest in new outdoor pillows and cushions.

Adding a splash of color to your porch can make a world of difference!



10. Discover Hidden Storage

Finding storage in an existing house is like winning the organizational lottery. Look for areas such as under the stairs, existing mudrooms, or even above the washer/dryer or toilet. **Installed shelving and purchased organizational pieces such as containers, hooks, and baskets can transform a non-functional space into a great storage area.**





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