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Five Quick Ways to Update a Room

Looking for a change to ring in the new year, but don't have a lot to spend on new furnishing and decorations? These five tips will help give your home a fresh look without breaking your budget.



1. Move things around. Swap out furniture from another room for a new look. Try using some pieces in unusual ways. For example, a dresser can look great in a living room or an entry hallway.

2. Add another layer. An extra layer of curtains can add interest and color to a room. On top of a table or storage piece, place a small tablecloth or placemat to brighten the area. Add fringe or trim to pillows, curtains, or lamps for a new look.

3. Replace the little things. Change out the hardware on dressers or cabinets to give your pieces a new look. You can also add or change a throw rug and throw pillows. Get a new vase and add some seasonal flowers. Replace the pictures in your frames.

4. Visually expand your space. Move furniture around to make better use of your space. Add a mirror or two to expand your room visually. If your rooms feel too small, store some items temporarily to remove clutter and open up your spaces.

5. Add something new. If your budget doesn't allow for a new sofa or table, find a cheaper alternative. Shop thrift stores or antique stores. Get a slipcover instead of a new sofa or simply refinish or paint your existing furniture for a whole new look.

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Green Living Tip

Even if your apartment home is well insulated, you can still lose some heat through your windows. One easy solution to this is to use blackout curtains. These curtains have a backing that is made from very tightly woven fabric which blocks most of the light, along with preventing up to 25 percent of heat loss through your windows. You can open your curtains during the day to allow the heat of the sun to come into your home, and then close them up at night to block light, noise, and heat loss.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



Playing @ The Movies

A Dog's Way Home

Based on the book by W. Bruce Cameron, *A Dog's Way Home* chronicles the heartwarming adventure of Bella, a dog who embarks on an epic 400-mile journey home after she is separated from her beloved human, an aspiring medical student. The two learn that there are some bonds that no distance can break.

Movie Stats

Rating: PG/Adventure, Family

Release Date: January 11, 2019

Director: Charles Martin Smith

Starring: Bryce Dallas Howard, Ashley Judd, Jonah Hauer-King



Your Monthly Internet Tidbit

"Retail Me Not is easy to navigate and gives you're the ability to search by store or category."

If you are looking to save money after all the additional holiday expenses, one website you should not miss is RetailMeNot.com. This easy-to-use site lets you search through online coupons to find great deals. There are even coupons you can print and use at stores like Target and Old Navy.

Retail Me Not is easy to navigate and gives you the ability to search by store or category. Users report back on whether the coupon was successful, giving each coupon a success ranking and the average saved. Be sure to check this website every time you are making a purchase online.

Check it out today at: RetailMeNot.com

January is National Hobby Month

January is National Hobby Month, the perfect time of year to pick up a new hobby, or get back into an old one that you haven't thought about in a while! The great thing about having a hobby is that it can take your mind off the pressure of work or other daily stresses.

Sit down and think about what you really love to do. What are you passionate about in life? What sparks your interest the most? What are you curious about? What are your goals? Finding a good hobby and giving yourself time to take part in it on a daily or weekly basis is sure to make you happier, and maybe even healthier.



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