

Paint: The solution for low-budget, high-style decorating

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Does spring-fever have you itching to make some changes to your surroundings? I certainly have the itch. The first free weekend that I have, I plan to paint my front door. I would describe its current color as an awful poop-brown, but soon it will be vibrant orange, earthy green, or crisp white. Although I am having trouble deciding, I am not too worried about it because I know that even if I get the paint on the door and don't like the color, I can easily repaint it. Paint is one of the least expensive and fastest ways to transform a room from boring to exciting. But wait, you do know that paint should not be limited to only the walls, right?? Here are a few new ways to use paint that you may not have yet considered.

Paint the Ceiling: Don't just leave it white. Instead, pick a color that compliments the wall color. Go for a darker ceiling color if you want to create a cozier vibe or choose a lighter color if you want ceilings to appear higher.

Paint the wood trim: I really like it when the walls and doors of a house are trimmed in wood that is painted white. Another future project for me is to paint my brown wood wall-trim and door-trim a high-gloss white. I have already painted the wall-trim a glossy black in my daughter's room. It looks great against her pink walls.

Paint the furniture: If you have a kitchen table that has seen better days, don't fret. Instead, revive it with a coat of paint. After sanding, painting, and applying polyurethane as a protector, you will soon be ready to serve dinner. In my opinion, nearly all furniture should be given a second chance to shine. Before you throw out that favorite chair, consider the money-saving benefits of painting before you pitch it into the trash.

Paint your Picture Frames: If you have great artwork trapped in shiny gold frames but you now prefer the matte silver finish, then grab the paint brush or spray can and get busy. Simply use painter's tape and newspaper to cover the parts not being redone.

Paint Your Floor: Do you have an ugly vinyl floor? Paint can save the day. Make sure you use the right kind-check in with your paint store expert and to ensure long life, don't forget to seal it.

Paint Your Lampshade: To give interest to an otherwise unimpressive lamp shade, consider

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using paint to add a top and bottom stencil-type border. What a bright idea!

Paint Your Front Porch: Give your home fresh curb appeal with a coat of paint on your railings, stairs, and outdoor furniture. Pick a bright color that makes you smile when you drive up.

Whenever your money is low, yet you have the urge to spruce up your place with something new, just reach for the paint can. Use your own creativity, browse through home decorating magazines, and watch home improvement television shows for ideas and inspiration. Don't be afraid to make a mistake; some of my best creative work began as a mistake and ended up a masterpiece! Enjoy!

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