

## home improvement

**PRUE ROYAL, FOUNDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF COLOUR AND DESIGN, SHARES HER TOP 10 TIPS ON HOW TO UPDATE YOUR HOME INEXPENSIVELY.**

**1. Paint your walls.** A new wall colour can completely transform the feeling and look of a room. Choose a seasonal colour and look to the paint companies who all have clever suggestions on the perfect colour combinations to put together.

**2. Use seasonal accessories to upgrade.** A few new, trendy accessories can instantly update an old or tired room. Choose from cushions, a vase or a piece of art.

**3. Declutter.** It's the first rule of feng shui. By sorting out clutter and starting from the inside of the cupboards, you can revitalise your whole house. Tackle each room by making a list of things that need attention and work your way through the house.

**4. Wallpaper art.** With so many stunning wallpapers available on the market, you are spoilt for choice.

You don't necessarily have to glue it on the wall. Use wallpaper as wall art by attaching it to foam core board or custom wood. Alternatively, use wallpaper to revitalise an old bookshelf by papering the back sections of it.

**5. Black and white prints.** Framed photos from holidays or black and white family shots look fantastic hung in groupings and are an inexpensive way to create a stunning feature area with sentiment.

**6. Plants.** A new indoor plant can easily become your latest fashion accessory. Look for plants that are fashionable or have an interesting shape or form, such as orchids.

**7. Add a modern lighting feature or revamp a vintage one.** Rather than buying a new lamp shade, visit a flea market or secondhand store and purchase an old, faded shade. Select

some modern fabric to re-cover it. You will then have a beautiful vintage shape with modern patterns and colours.

**8. Expand your space with a mirror.** Use a feature mirror to create the illusion of space and light. An elegant Art Deco-style mirror or a baroque metallic style can make a dramatic statement in any room.

**9. Chalkboard wall.** Have fun with chalkboard paint. Paint a wall in your home office for inspirational quotes, in the kids' room for doodles, or the bedroom wall with a beautiful poem. The fun part is that you can change it whenever the mood takes you.

**10. Paint a piece of furniture.** Restore old pine furniture with lime wash or milk paint to create your own French provincial-style piece.

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