



BUDGET FRIENDLY *Decor Hacks*

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME
LOOK STYLISH ON A BUDGET

TIPS & TRICKS TO RE-DECORATE AND REJUVENATE THE MAIN AREAS OF YOUR HOUSE TO STAY WITHIN BUDGET

CLEAN, DECLUTTER AND REORGANISE

Before contemplating about what next furniture or décor pieces you'd like to get, clean your space, organise what you currently have and declutter. Consider what pieces are dated, worn, or damaged. Could you bring these pieces back to life or is it time to say goodbye? Whilst it could be time-consuming, it will change the look and feel of your space and allow you to get ready to be creative with the next steps for your space. Start with a fresh slate.

REARRANGE YOUR FURNITURE

A trick that costs nothing! You just need some creativity and strength (see if a friend or housemate could assist). Be sure to ask someone for a hand when moving heavy furniture pieces. Start with one room and picture a couple of different layouts to maximise the space and give the room a brand-new feel to it.

SLIPCOVERS FOR YOUR DATED LOUNGE/SOFA

Buying a brand-new lounge isn't necessary. Save some money and instead purchase a slipcover. It'll be as if you've bought a new lounge for a fraction of the cost!

BREATHE LIFE INTO YOUR ROOM BY INTRODUCING A FEATURE OR TEXTURED WALL

A great way to highlight a particular area of your room is; where the TV is placed or if you have a fireplace. If you are painting a small space, dark feature wall colours are a smarter choice. Darker feature walls give the illusion of a bigger room.





DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF CUSHIONS AND SIMPLE NEW DÉCOR

Cushions can bring together all the elements of the room plus are an inexpensive way to bring a room up to date. Scattered cushions add personality and are a great way to make a space feel cohesive. Think of mixing it seasonally and having a winter wonderland versus a summer oasis in your living room.

INTRODUCE HOUSEPLANTS AND FLOWERS INTO YOUR SPACE

- A fresh bunch of flowers is an affordable way to bring colour and life into the room. Get a single stem or a beautiful large bunch and pair it with your favourite vase for the space
- Houseplants can bring colour into the room while creating a beautiful and calm space for your home. Natural plants can improve your home's air quality
- If you don't have much luck with live plants, there is an option to purchase artificial plants that look real. Good quality artificial plants may be expensive and hard to find compared to an actual plant
- Research and select low maintenance houseplants. These plants can be perfect for areas such as your home office.

MAKING USE OF THE SECOND-HAND MARKET

GO THRIFT SHOPPING – ST VINCENT'S DE PAUL, SALVATION ARMY AND MANY MORE

The most well-known benefit when purchasing pre-loved pieces of furniture and décor is that it is a budget-friendly initiative that can help freshen up your home without the huge price tag. You could end up finding some unique items!

SHOP ONLINE – FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE, EBAY OR GUMTREE

An increasingly popular free platform where you can purchase pre-loved items from kettles to couches to cars. Searching for items online may be a more affordable way to possibly find the pieces you want and love without paying full price. Prices are often negotiable with sellers, making it a great platform for finding a bargain.





WFH - HOW TO CONVERT A BEDROOM INTO AN OFFICE

WORKING FROM HOME

Working from home has become the new normal for many, whether you're working from home full-time or part-time. It is important that you have an area set up to ensure you can work productively in the space. Avoiding distractions within your home can be difficult. If you have a spare bedroom or another unused space, we are going to provide ideas on how you can convert this area into a functional workspace.



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING YOUR NEW HOME OFFICE SPACE:

- Select your area wisely – choose an area that isn't regularly used by other household members (you want to minimise everyday distractions)
- Make sure your internet/phone connection is strong in this area – you need to consider the everyday tasks – you want to ensure fast speed when using your computer for web calls or a strong connection when making phone calls
- Consider the background in this space for web meetings (for example, zoom, teams) – you want to ensure this area is clean and always decluttered. Consider: do other household members need to walk through this space regularly?
- Space size – Ensure there is enough room for a desk, chair and storage solutions such as a cabinet or bookshelf. Do you need a printer in this space? Make sure you include a piece of furniture for this to sit on as it can take up a large proportion of your desk space!

REVAMP YOUR HOME WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK



HOW TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF THE SPARE BEDROOM/ROOM

INVEST IN A PULL-OUT SOFA OR DAYBED!

That way during the week you have a fully functional home office, and you can convert it into a bedroom for when additional guests stay over. Make it a multi-purpose room.

CONSIDER DESK SIZE AND CHOICES:

- Standing desk
- Sitting desk
- Adjustable desk
- Size – Consider what everyday tasks you will complete at the desk. Do you need a larger space to layout paperwork or just enough room to fit your keyboard and monitors. Measure the space you have available before purchasing a desk.

GET CREATIVE WITH STORAGE

Make the most of your extra space by thinking of creative storage options. In a spare bedroom, consider utilising underbed storage.

BEFORE PURCHASING ITEMS, SEARCH YOUR HOME!

Look for items that can be repurposed, e.g. a chair or table that is not being used that could work in the space.

- Use platforms such as Facebook marketplace to search for pre-loved desks and office chairs. You could find the one you want and avoid paying full price!

