

## 4 Awesome Decor Upgrades to Add to Your Home

There's nothing like the feeling of walking into a newly decorated home; but let's face it, over the years, furniture and decorative pieces can become outdated, overused, or simply don't reflect your current style anymore. Not everyone has the time, energy, or money to take on a full-scale living room remodel, but these 4 awesome upgrades to add to your home can go a long way if you're looking for a big change in your home decor.



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### 1. Set the mood with lighting.

There are many options when it comes to lighting, and a little goes a long way. If you are imagining your living space as an extension of your personality, it should be easy to match lighting and lighting systems to the style you're going for. Brighter lights exude a more energetic feel while dimmer lights, like those from candles, create a feeling of calm or romance.

The style of the lighting you decide to go with can have a big impact on the room you are decorating. For instance, adding a custom crystal chandelier to almost any living room will definitely add some style and class, whereas using recessed lighting in your decor can create a more minimalist feel. The same goes for using track lighting to add a contemporary feel to a kitchen or living area.

If you really want to go all out with lighting, you can install a [smart lighting system](#) that can be controlled from your phone. These systems not only offer different color lights and dimming options, but some will also let you program your lighting based on the mood you're looking to achieve, like tropical twilight and Savanna sunset. Many times, just upgrading the lighting in your home or a particular room can make a world of difference.



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## 2. Add a minibar or coffee bar.

If you're someone who enjoys entertaining then adding a minibar or coffee bar may be the perfect upgrade for you. Having a drink service readily available to you and your guests can make entertaining a little less cumbersome as well as upgrade your decor. There are a range of options from custom-built pieces right in your home or a more portable [DIY style setup](#) for smaller spaces.

For some people, coffee or tea is a necessary part of life, doing without it isn't an option. Adding a coffee bar to your living room, dining room or kitchen area can be a big or small undertaking depending on your needs and the amount of space you have available. On a smaller scale, you could use a stainless steel rolling cart equipped with a small beverage cooler and coffee service, or go big with the installation of a full bar and espresso maker.

If serving cocktails and beer is more your style then adding a minibar might be your ticket. Along the same lines as the coffee bar, you can go as big or as small as you wish. The concept is basically the same, but instead of having an espresso maker and coffee cups, these would become a cocktail shaker and drink glasses. In fact, it's not beyond normal means to have a foundational set up with a refrigerator that can be used interchangeably for coffee or drinks depending on the kind of entertaining you plan on doing.

### 3. Consider a fireplace.

Not only does a fireplace provide warmth and comfort, but it can also be used to add interest and style to an area of the home. There are so many options nowadays, adding a fireplace doesn't have to mean a permanent fixture in your home like back in the day. From stand-alone to electric varieties, this upgrade can enhance almost any living area big or small.

The good thing about modern technology is that nowadays, having a fireplace doesn't necessarily have to come with the burden of having to chop or buy wood or get all dirty while trying to clean it out. From an electric fireplace insert for your living room to gas-powered wood-burning stoves for your kitchen, the possibilities are limitless if maintenance and making a mess is a concern.

Fireplaces with cleaner lines and lighter colors will create a more modern feel whilst a dark stone or brick piece can be the necessary item that ties in your country or cabin style decor. There are also various metal versions of fireplaces that can be used to enhance an industrial or mechanical design concept.



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#### 4. Give your windows some treatment.

Many times, window treatments are overlooked when it comes to upgrading your home. There's good reason for this; window treatments can be an expensive investment and often have to be custom fitted and manufactured. But, if you're looking for a dramatic change that will have a bigger impact, upgrade your window treatments.

There's a good chance your current window treatments are outdated and worn- out since these items don't get replaced that often. You'll find there are all kinds of fancy upgrades out there like sleek Asian-inspired panels to bamboo rollers; there are even [smart shades](#) that can enhance your home's security and energy conservation while you lay out at the pool.

If you're going for the modern or minimalist feel, custom blinds would be the way to go. For everything else, you can choose colors, textiles, and design features that complement the look you're going for. A new set of fresh linen drapes can update a living room, dining room, or bedroom in a variety of styles from classy to shabby-chic. Look for well-made pieces that will last a long time.

## Invest in long-term upgrades.

These 4 awesome decorating upgrades for your home may require more effort than just changing out some throw pillows, but they are certainly worth your while. Upgrading means getting something better than what you have at the moment. If you're looking for a big change, you need to make a big change. In comparison to remodeling your entire home though, these upgrades will give you a lot of bang for your buck.