

EASY STYLE UPDATES for your home

Follow these really simple, clever tips in order to transform your interior and give your space a much needed pick-me-up...



1 MIX 'N' MATCH

If you find your living room is looking a bit lacklustre, bring character to the space by mixing colours and patterns. It may seem scary at first, but bold paint, contrasted with statement furniture and patterned accessories can work brilliantly with neutral flooring.

As well as colours, try also mixing furniture finishes like wood, velvet and brass to give your home an eclectic touch.

Lamp, £45, Plant Stand, £32, Leopard Cushion, £14, Faux Plant in Pot, £15, Velvet Sofa, £500, Display Cabinet, £150, Velvet Stool, £40, Floor Lamp, £120, all Argos Home

2 SIMPLIFY YOUR BEDROOM

Clean, minimalist bedrooms are really on-trend right now and spring cleaning season is just around the corner! If your bedroom is full of clutter, get ready for a big charity shop clear out. To complete the minimalist look, go for crisp white cotton sheets, a fresh coat of white paint and no-fuss furniture.



Bedding, Sainsbury's Home, from £4



Shelving Unit, John Lewis & Partners, £499

TOP TIP

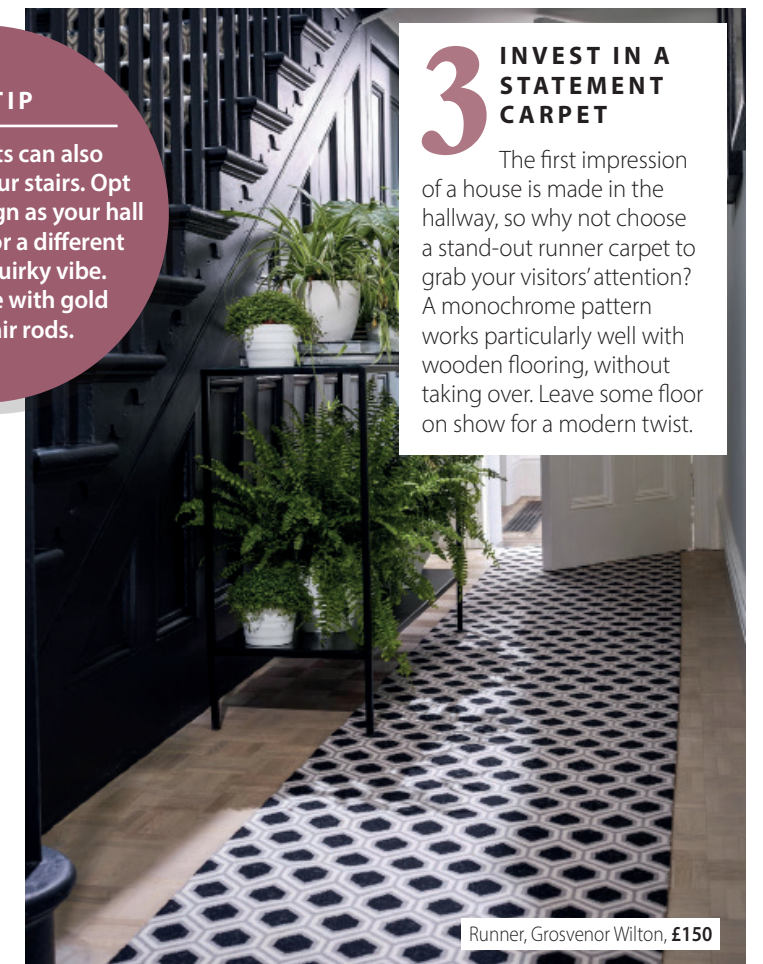
Runner carpets can also look great on your stairs. Opt for the same design as your hall for uniformity, or a different pattern for a quirky vibe. Secure in place with gold or silver stair rods.

4 OPT FOR AN OPEN CABINET

Closed-door cabinets and cupboards can often give the illusion of narrowing a room. Contemporary open shelves do the opposite, and make for fun display units for an eye-catching collection of frames, plants and vases.

3 INVEST IN A STATEMENT CARPET

The first impression of a house is made in the hallway, so why not choose a stand-out runner carpet to grab your visitors' attention? A monochrome pattern works particularly well with wooden flooring, without taking over. Leave some floor on show for a modern twist.



Runner, Grosvenor Wilton, £150

5 WARM UP YOUR LIVING ROOM

An easy way to warm up any room is by investing in Nordic-style faux fur throws and blankets. They look great in both summer and winter on the floor, while draping them on your sofa will both make it look cosy and warm your toes.



Snuggler Sofa, £599, Footstool, £299 both from Snug Shack

6 REVAMP YOUR FURNITURE

Perhaps the easiest instant interior update is painting your existing furniture. Wooden cabinets are especially versatile, and can look great as a stand-out bold colour or as a more subtle, pastel tone. A cool, light green or blue hue can give any room a sense of calm.

You could also replace handles or knobs with gold t-bars for a cool retro look.



Cabinet, John Lewis & Partners, £399

7 ADD SOME TEXTURE

Soft textures will make your interior look more interesting. A knitted pouffe is both perfect for resting tired legs while providing instant style points, while a textured cushion will add character to your sofa. Go for light, pastel colours – a garish pattern will throw off your room's theme.

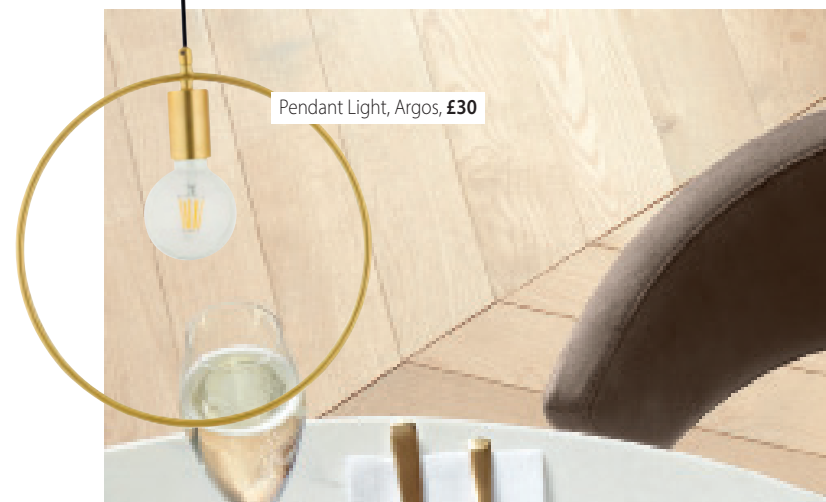


Pouffe, John Lewis & Partners, £75

8 MODERNISE YOUR LIGHTING

Interior lighting can often be difficult to get right, and it's important to choose your shades and lamps to suit the space.

A hanging pendant light works in virtually any household, especially above kitchen bars and tables. The more simple, the better.



Pendant Light, Argos, £30

9 CHOOSE TROPICAL ACCESSORIES

Palm print is everywhere, and looks just as good in your home as it does on your clothes.

The key is not to overdo the jungle vibe – look for small accessories like printed cushions. They go particularly well with wooden and wicker furniture and white walls.



Cushions, Very, £19.99



Plates and Bowls, John Lewis & Partners, from £10

10 TRY A POP OF COLOUR

Are you scared of colour but fancy a subtle change? Why not try updating your dining room by investing in a colourful dining set. These look great laid out on the table when it's not being used, and provide dinners with a bit of character.