

# 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...



**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.



**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.

## 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.



## 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

Pouf, John Lewis & Partners, £75



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.

## 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



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

## 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

## 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.