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DIY Upgrades Equal Style Plus Value □

Purchasing a home is often the largest investment a person makes in a lifetime. Property values typically increase over time, creating equity, in favorable market conditions. It's important that the property is up-to-date and well kept. This can be accomplished by completing [home improvement projects](#) every few years and performing general maintenance and repairs in a timely manner.

Be Market Ready □ In real estate, trends are very common. An interior paint color can be a best-seller for years then suddenly become a distant memory. Wallpaper is a great example. Everyone has a relative or friend with a wall of tacky, outdated patterns or paint color. When looking to build equity in a property, it's important to know what current buyers like. Remove unattractive wallpaper, paneling, and other wall coverings. Replace with sheetrock or a stylish accent wall to create a more modern feel. A fresh coat of paint aesthetically improves the home, increasing perceived and actual value.

□□ **Floors and Doors Matter** □ The focal point of a person entering a home is usually the front door. The second thing the eyes see will most likely be the floor beyond that door. Both the front door and the flooring of a property should have character and add style. Sellers can reap major benefits from upgrading the floors in a property. It is one of the most common home improvement projects and should be fairly simple if the subfloor is in good condition. Painting the front door to add a pop of color is simple, too. Choose high-quality exterior paint that is weather-resistant and accents the home.

Brighten the Space

Replacing outdated styles of light fixtures is absolutely necessary to improve the presentation and value of a home. More modern fixtures appeal to buyers, making the showing and selling process easier. The fixture finishes should be uniform throughout the house (i.e. brass, nickel, gold, black). Also, try LED lights for a brighter look throughout the home, creating a cleaner feel.

Home improvement projects done correctly can add tremendous curb appeal and selling power to a property. They also allow homeowners to display individuality, style and creativity.

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