



# 6 HOME UPDATES

TO TACKLE WHILE STAYING AT HOME

With most of us doing our part to help flatten the curve, we're spending more time than ever at home. And maybe you're noticing that things need sprucing up. So, check out these low cost (or free) projects that take basic tools, online buys and maybe a quick run to the hardware store.

## 1 CLEAN AND ORGANIZE

We all have places in our homes where random stuff just goes until we have time to deal with it. Well, now is the time to dig in, declutter and get organized. You just might discover a great new space for a dedicated home office or a quiet spot for your yoga mat.

## 2 DRESS THE WINDOWS

Whether you add a layer of texture or a pop of color, window treatments can easily update any room. Hang curtains close to the ceiling to make a room feel taller. Swap builder grade blinds for bamboo or Roman shades. Go sheer for privacy while allowing light in. The options are endless.

## 3 IMPROVE YOUR FLOW

Achieve a more open floorplan without demo day. Relocate, remove or paint oversized furniture. A warm white helps them "disappear" and creates the illusion of more space. You can also play around with furniture placement and place mirrors across from windows to bring in more light.

## 4 UPDATE HARDWARE

Accessories can truly transform a home. Black matte knobs to brushed nickel pulls, there are countless options to update your kitchen or bath. Experiment by switching the finishes between upper and lower cabinets. Add modern knobs in a country kitchen. See what feels right for you.

## 5 REFRESH LIGHTING

Lighting makes a home open and inviting. Add a floor lamp to a gloomy corner for instant visual square footage. Shop for table lamps and shades online—there are thousands to choose from. And swap out ceiling fixtures with tools you likely have and great how-to videos available online.\*

## 6 SPRUCE UP OUTSIDE

Need a break from being inside? Head outside to power-wash your home's siding and clean the windows. Update your deck or fence by sanding and applying new paint or stain. Give your front door a makeover with fresh paint and hardware. Don't forget to clean and organize your garage.

\*Learn how to replace ceiling fixtures at [bit.ly/ceilingfixtures](https://bit.ly/ceilingfixtures)



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