

Have fun with little spring-time projects



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Easter weekend is just around the corner, and if you don't have any big plans for the holiday weekend, this is a great time to take advantage of home renovations and perhaps getting your home ready for resale!

This is my favourite time of year as it gives me an excuse to tackle some of my own fun design projects I've been doing for years on HGTV's Income Property.

Here are some of my favourite little projects that take very little planning and won't cost too much time or money. But the results will be fantastic!

1. Paint a room or two. Believe it or not, painting can be very fun and rewarding and it's a great bonding activity to do with friends and family.

2. Wallpaper a feature wall in a living room or bedroom, you won't believe the dramatic effect that this two-hour project can make.

3. Create a collage of pictures and bring some life to those boring walls. Grab a

series of frames and insert your favourite prints or family pictures. Be innovative and work with your friends and loved ones to creatively hang your favourite framed images. A good tip is to start with the larger, more dominant frames and work outwards to hand the others

4. Change up your pillows, throws and area rugs for vibrant colours and incorporate cottons, and lighter weight fabrics onto your beds and sofas.

5. Bare windows are easy to tackle, many home stores and big box hardware stores now sell a variety of window treatments from drapes to blinds. Before heading to the store, make sure you take all the necessary window measurements: inside/outside frame, ceiling heights, etc, having all these key numbers with you will keep your treatment options wide open.

6. Add some splash to your backsplash. Tackling a backsplash wall in a kitchen or feature wall in a bathroom is a simple and easy to achieve that "wow" factor.

7. Front door and entryway. Creating the first impression is important especially if thinking of selling, Change up your mat, mailbox, accessories by adding in some bright welcoming colours. Clear debris and purchase some playful and smart hallway accessories.

8. If it's a larger renovation project you are planning, take this time to discover your design style and do research about your project, explore magazines, and venture out to tile stores, plumbing showrooms, etc. You can even start to research Design firms like



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ours to plan your upcoming spring renovations. We find that our savvy clients make for



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a smooth and efficient project collaboration.

If picking paint colors or piecing all the small elements has you frazzled, call in the experts, at Dvira Interiors we find that even a simple consultation, or a few hours of shopping with a designer can give homeowners clarity and a home that they can feel proud of. Spring has finally sprung!

Get thinking about your home projects and make your to-do lists early so you can enjoy this wonderful time of year.

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