

## Seven Steps to a Brand New Room

Do you love watching room makeover shows, but quickly lost interest because they seemed too extreme, costly, confusing, or downright scary?

It might be fun to watch those shows, but how many people actually create more pleasing rooms after watching? Most people have rooms that have something to be desired, and believe it would be too difficult or costly to change. Or, even worse, what if they hate how it looks after all the time and money has been spent?

The following tips can turn a outdated or boring room into one that is inviting, cool, pretty, sexy, handsome, or whatever you desire. But without the scary expense and extreme design that can happen on makeover shows.

Above all, let your head and heart guide you.

1. Decide on a basic color scheme. Look through magazines or your friends and family's homes for something you think and can live with. Trust your gut reaction. If you think you'll grow to like a color, you probably won't.
2. Visit your local home improvement or hardware store to pick out paint colors in your scheme. Pick out one to three colors. One color only (for both ceiling and walls); two (one for the ceiling and one for the walls); or three (one for ceiling, and the other two for the walls). Buy all brushes, rollers, rags, gloves, and covering cloths you'll need.
3. Take all furniture out of the room. If you don't have a place to put everything, move most to the center or side of the room.
4. Paint room as desired. You don't have to go crazy. Solid application will do more than just leaving the room as it was. If you have a friend or family member that can easily do things such as faux painting, it can add textural interest.
5. Put back only the furniture you want, and move the rest to a better place in your house, donate, or sell it. You can also move other pieces of art, furniture, or objects from other rooms to the new room.
6. Visit discount stores, rummage sales, thrift stores, freecycle on the web, or discount sales to find neat pieces for your new room. Sometimes it's better to start bare, and slowly build up piece by piece. If friends or family have pieces they have tired of, but would look great in your new room, they might give them to you.
7. Enjoy your new room!

So there you have it. Seven simple steps to change an undesirable room into something you love. And you didn't have any fatal injuries, a huge credit card bill, or something worse than when you started. Give yourself a hand, you did it!