



5 Tips to Make Over Your Living Room for Less



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Make your so-so living room soar without breaking your budget. All you need is a single weekend, a few accessories, and these thrifty money-saving tips.

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1. Look beyond a vintage piece's finish.



Paint is a cheap and quick fix for a multitude of sins-like the bad veneer on an old table.

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2. Simple steps can dramatically change a room.



You can't go wrong with neutral sisal. You can, however, make it more right by layering a patterned carpet on top.

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3. Conquer your coffee table clutter.



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The key to arranging a pleasing tableau atop a large table? Dividing the surface area into zones. Just check out how this \$5 flea-market tray magically allows a group of small items to read as a single object.

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4. Avoid reupholstering altogether.



This slipcovered seat got a facelift-fast-via a folded, lightweight cotton rug. In the background, a floral curtain keeps the pattern going.

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5. Shop the kids' catalogs.



Pottery Barn's offspring, PB Teen, stocks some surprisingly sophisticated merch at junior prices-including this glass lamp that we filled with dictionary pages. Other fun possibilities: beach glass, branches, or vintage matchbooks.

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