

"Bah, humbug!.... I'm gonna be a Scrooge this Christmas!



# HOW TO HAVE FUN WITH YOUR INTERIOR WITHOUT SPENDING A CENT!

Money is a lot harder to come by these days, many people are afraid of losing their jobs, worried about their financial future and less likely to commit to making major changes to their home interiors, but that doesn't mean we have to sit back and do nothing. We can have fun and change our interior spaces without having to spend a cent.

We just need to get a little creative! Here are some ideas on how you can make your home feel like it has had a makeover without dipping into your pocket.

- Shift furniture into different rooms, it's amazing how a change of environment can make a piece of furniture look completely different.
- Rearrange your artwork on the walls, reposition mirrors - this helps change the light in your room and depending on where you place them, can make a

room feel larger.

- Clean your walls. I know this sounds too simple, but over time all the little knocks and bumps leave marks and the walls can look like they have just been repainted if you give them a good scrub.
- Take down your curtains and clean them, they will look much brighter and look as good as new.
- Talk to a good friend and see if he/she wants to exchange any home decor items for a few months until you both tire of them again. This could be an area rug, decorative pots, sculpture, artwork, vases, and cushions. Instead of storing it or throwing it away, share it!
- Most local credit card companies offer reward points. Think

about using those to get a few new decorative items for your home? An easy way to have the feel good factor of something new without having to part with any money.

- Sort your linen cupboard and pull out the towels that never get used, it will feel like you have brand new towels for your bathroom.
- The same for sheets and bedspreads. We often have more than one but forget about them stuffed down the back of the cupboard, clean out the cupboards and mix and match them in your different rooms and you have a new look!
- Pack up current items in the house and swap them for things that had been put away. These could be floor standing lamps, side table lamps, a stack of vin-

tage suitcases that you didn't know what to do with, stack them and use them as a side table.

- We all have paint lying around in our store-rooms, take it out and give the outside a revamp. Use it to paint the outdoor pots a different color or perhaps paint the front door a new color, or even the mailbox.
- Paint a wall and make it a feature in any room.

Those are just a few ideas to get you started. I bet you will start to think of more as you go along.

Being a Scrooge can be fun as well as rewarding as you can now afford to bring some comfort and joy to those more in need!

Have a very Merry Christmas.

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