



## **Makeover Your Home for Free**

Anyone who knows me knows that I love beautiful things. But here's my secret: I'm cheap. I don't just wait for a 20% off sale at Pottery Barn, I scour the internet for coupons, bargain basement deals, close out specials – my number one go-to site before I make a major purchase is Craig's List, and I've never seen a yard sale sign I could pass up. For me, the thrill of the hunt is *almost* more fun than actually buying.

Lately, I've been working on a lot of re-design jobs. Re-designing space is simply using things you already have and making them feel new by changing them around. We've been renovating our bathroom for several months so we're watching every penny – even Craig's List is off-limits. Feeling inspired by my clients' projects, I started re-designing my own house.

I started downstairs since it's been several years since we moved in. I moved my wedding photos from my hallway to my bedroom and framed a large, modern Ikea print in a weathered, antique picture frame. I moved a sofa from my office to my bedroom and moved my former nursery chair to my office. Because I freed up so much space, I was able to move around some of the accessory pieces and make it feel fresh and new. In the family room, I moved decorative items around and hung a painting that was in my bedroom.

I did the same throughout the house. It didn't cost me anything and my old things feel new in their new temporary homes. I'll re-design again in the fall – it was fun finding new ways to use things I was used to seeing in the same place day after day.

If I've said it once, I've said it a hundred times - decorating doesn't have to be a painful, expensive process. Moving things around costs nothing and can be just rewarding as emptying the closet Restoration Hardware (I promise!).

Do you need a change but are tight on cash? There are so many ways to change your home's look and I can help. LIKE my Facebook page for inspiration, and be sure to post your questions and photos.

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