



### **Transform Your Home in an Afternoon**

It looks like the warm weather might actually be here to stay and if you're anything like me, you're itching for a change. I know what you're thinking: "who has the money?" I'm happy to tell you big changes don't have to cost a lot of money.

My favorite make over tool by far is a can of spray paint. For around \$6, you can transform just about anything. Picture frames, tables, light fixtures, and chairs can be transformed in an afternoon. Recently, I created a family photo wall with mismatched frames I'd collected and painted different sheens of black. Seeing my beautiful boys' faces in very cool frames whenever I walk down the hall (and they're not crying!) is pure joy.

My second favorite make over tool is burlap. It recently went up to \$4 from \$3 but even so, it's a great deal and very versatile. This winter, I used it for several projects: roman shades, reupholstering an antique chair, a lamp shade and covering old picture mats I already had to update artwork. I recently finished a table runner for a client and I used the left over material to stitch up a few pillows to tie her living room and dining room together. Burlap has a funny smell that can be a little overwhelming so be sure to wash it first (on cold) and air dry before sewing. Plan to lose 1-2 feet when washing.

Last but not least, is vinegar and water in a spray bottle. I know... not nearly as much fun as paint or fabric, but a good old fashioned cleaning can make a world of difference. And it works on just about any surface - floors, windows, tile, stainless steel, countertops, and more - just sparkle. If I weren't a Mrs. Meyer's addict, I would surely use vinegar and water for everything.

Are you a DIY junkie too? Check out my Facebook page for inspiration, tips and decorating advice. If you LIKE my page in June, you'll be entered for a drawing for a gallon of Benjamin Moore paint from Curtis Lumber in Ballston Spa (up to \$35 value). Hope to see you there!

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