HOUSEKEEPING

DECORATE YOUR HOME

Change a few elements in your home and you can immediately change the entire atmosphere. I change up my nesting materials nearly every month. Now, this doesn't have to cost you an arm and a leg. In fact, the chances are you can do it on a shoestring budget or for nothing at all. You and your family can review some of your ideas and decide whether they feel that you can justify the expense.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



Research a style and create a plan to revamp a room in the house. Discuss your ideas with your parents and execute the plan with their oversight.

• If you are not Martha Stewart, then you may not immediately have a vision for the greatest possible way to revamp your living space. This is where research comes in. Magazines and online resources will help you see examples of the style that you would like to create.

• If painting is a consideration, then this can create the canvas for you to work all the other elements. But more likely, you'll take into consideration the current colors and create a concept that works in tandem with them.

• Research Pinterest and other creative websites for easy, inexpensive ideas that can work within the concept you are working towards.

• Move furniture or revamp furniture. Sometimes a coat of paint on a real wood chair can change things up. Perhaps laying a cloth over an end table will entirely change the

look, totally changing the feel of an old piece of furniture. Look for creative ways to work with what you have. The internet is full of ideas like that.

- Creative storage can be another element of using what you have. For instance, books with nice spines make great accent pieces. There is nothing wrong with storing your interest out in the open. A person who plays guitar will often store the guitar by hanging it on the wall making their hobby their display and room accents.
- Repurpose furniture. Use bookshelves for something other than books. Get creative but keep working towards your initial theme and concept.
- Change the wall artwork.

This can immediately change the feel of a room.

• Lighting can totally change the mood of a room and take it from sterile and uninviting to cozy and wow.

There is no right or wrong. You are the king of your castle. So, with your parent's direction, research and experiment.

