

BUDGET STRETCHING DECORATING IDEAS

Energize Your Living Space With 100 Easy Tips for \$100 or Less

(NAPSA)—Spring is here and it's a great time to add creative, colorful changes to your living space. Well, don't let a tight budget stop you.

Visa has teamed up with Paige Davis, host of TLC's cable TV series "Trading Spaces," where decorating on a budget is the rule, to bring you a list of great do-it-yourself ideas for a spring "pick-me-up." The best part? Each idea makes use of everyday items and costs \$100 or less!

"I'm a big believer in making a little money go a long way towards easy, but exciting changes to your home," said Davis.

How do you do that?

Just follow these simple and inexpensive tips for adding color and creativity to any room in the house. To check out the complete list of 100 ideas, go to www.visa.com/everydaytips. Here is a sampling:

Number 3. Say good-bye to clutter: If your living space is small, use a standing screen to store things out of sight. The screens can easily hide storage boxes, an ironing board, empty suitcases—even your bicycle! You can even personalize the screen by adding photographs or colorful fabrics.

Number 8. Beat the blahs with color: Your best bet for an inexpensive, yet dramatic change is to add a splash of color. With a little paint, you can bring in some blues, bright whites and other colors of summer. Choose one dominant color to brighten blank, dreary walls or paint window and door trim with coordinating accent colors.

Number 16. Pillow party: Patterned pillows can give a solid colored couch, chair or bedspread a whole new look. Make covers for throw pillows out of scarves, or even an old bridesmaid dress!

Number 79. An instant message board: Cover a wall in your kitchen with a roll of cork board—available at hardware and craft stores—and you have an instant backdrop for your photos, cards and mementos. For additional color, add silk flowers, decorator thumb tacks or inexpensive fabric.

Number 30. Create and capture memories: Make your room a photo gallery of your favorite



One of 100! Flower and photo ideas are among 100 new home-brighteners for \$100 or less.

memories. Purchase matching frames of all shapes and sizes and group them together on a wall. You can personalize your photos with enamel tin letters found at popular furniture stores.

Number 59. Your home can be a sanctuary: Nothing brings a room to life like fresh plants and flowers. Make easy flower arrangements by grouping several multi-sized glass vases, or repot your plants in colorful flowerpots or planters. Not much of a green thumb? Buy inexpensive silk flowers for a garden look that's always in season.

Number 100. Keep track of your spending: Use your Visa Check Card as a tool to help manage your expenses—it is accepted at over 22 million merchants worldwide and is perfect for all of your everyday expenses. And, if you use your Visa Check Card and sign for your purchases in May and June, 2002, you'll be automatically entered to win \$100-a-day for a year with Visa's "Everyday Extras" promotion.* What would you do with \$36,500? No purchase or obligation necessary to enter or win. For more information, Official Rules and details on non-purchase entries, check out www.visa.com/everydayextras.

"Regardless of your budget, background, or personal taste, everyone can afford a little change," says Davis. "Let your individuality shine through and make your living space somewhere you really want to come home to."

*PIN-based purchases and ATM transactions do not qualify.