

# Home Improvements

## Low-Cost Home Improvement Tips

(NAPSA)—It may be easier and less expensive than you realize to make your home more livable and more valuable.

According to the Appraisal Institute, investing in a paint job and new carpets can easily increase the value of your home. Creating more living space, such as converting a basement into a family room, is also worth considering.

The Institute adds that bedrooms and bathrooms are particularly important because they affect how many people can comfortably live in a home.

### Cook Up A New Kitchen

According to Remodeling magazine, a major kitchen renovation can cost \$54,000. If you'd like to give your kitchen a new look for a lot less, says home improvement expert Pat Simpson, host of HGTV's "Fix it Up!," you should replace the hardware on the doors and drawers. Lighting will easily enhance a kitchen's appearance, too. Remove the fluorescent fixtures and hang pendant lights over islands.

### A Bathroom With Personality

A bathroom remodeling project can also cost tens of thousands of dollars. Simpson has a better idea. For a few hundred dollars, install a new tile floor. In many cases, tile can be laid right over an existing floor. Consider replacing a large plated mirror with a framed one.

### Go to the Wall

#### To Renovate Your Closet

"Many homeowners who make



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improvements to their master bedroom closets spend thousands of dollars on unique shelves and drawers, in an attempt to get organized, but forget about the walls," says Simpson. "You can really dress up your master bedroom closet with cedar planks. And don't forget to line those drawers with cedar to protect your folded clothes."

A cedar closet not only looks and smells great, it repels and resists moths, roaches, silverfish and mildew. It's also safer than mothballs. CedarSafe Natural Closet Liner planks are made of 100 percent Aromatic Eastern Red Cedar and line the walls of the closet.

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