

Decorating Tips!

Redecorate Your Room With Dimming

(NAPSA)—Redecorating doesn't have to be the complex and costly undertaking people often envision. Here are some simple tips for creating a whole new look in any old room.

Tip 1: New paint/wall covering is an obvious choice, and something most homeowners can tackle in the course of a weekend. Retail home centers have an abundance of styles and color choices, plus books and other resources that provide helpful tips to make your project go smoothly.

Tip 2: Details can have a huge impact on the appearance of a space. Pillows and throw rugs are an inexpensive way to put the finishing touches on your interior makeover.

Tip 3: Install a dimmer switch. Lighting is a major design factor in every room, yet it is often one of the most overlooked. Adding a simple dimmer to adjust light levels is a convenient and inexpensive way to essentially redecorate any space.

Lutron Electronics—the world's leading designer and manufacturer of dimmers and lighting control systems—offers an extensive line of basic dimmers that can be purchased at a local home improvement center or lighting showroom for less than \$50 and easily installed by any do-it-yourselfer in less than 15 minutes. Most people are amazed at how such a minimal investment can bring so many enriching, almost magical, benefits to any room.

Controlling light levels allows you to establish or enhance a mood to accommodate various activities. Lower light levels create a genuine theater atmosphere for movie or TV watching and add a dramatic effect for dining and entertaining. Strategically dimmed lights can help accent furniture, artwork and other decorative objects. In the bedroom, dimmers can soften lights for talking or romance. Use



An easy and inexpensive way to create a new look in any space and to give your home a new glow, is to install dimmer switches.

dimmers to calm bright bathroom lights at 3 a.m. and to make even routine kitchen meals feel like special occasions.

Dimmers offer numerous practical benefits too—like saving money and energy. According to Lutron, dimming a traditional incandescent light by just 10 percent, saves 10 percent electricity and doubles the life of the bulb. Dimming the same light by 50 percent cuts electricity consumption by 50 percent and extends the life of the bulb by 20 times. Eventually, you can save enough money through dimming to recoup the cost of the dimmer itself.

So if you're putting off a redecorating project because you just can't face the hassles and don't have the budget, try a dimmer. It's one of the least expensive ways to redecorate a room.

For more information on decorating with dimmers, contact Lutron at www.lutron.com or 1-800-523-9466.