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### Small Items That Pack a Big Punch

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Who says good things don't come in small packages? Sometimes a small item can add a lot of style impact to your home. Small items can be great looking and budget friendly; in fact, some of these items are even free. Check out these undersized items that deliver big decorating impact.

**A Tassel:** Use tassels in unexpected ways. Add a single tassel to the end of a pull cord on a ceiling fan or light fixture for a touch of color and instant sophistication. Tassels can also be hung over a knob on a dresser or armoire to freshen the look of an existing piece of furniture.

**Produce:** Yes, you read correctly, produce. Display colorful, fresh fruit or vegetables in a bowl in the Kitchen or Dining Room. When used as an edible accessory, produce adds color and a delicate smell to your home and is great for your waistline. Some varieties to try include pears, apples, lemons, limes, pomegranates, artichokes, and eggplants.

**Three Way Light Bulbs:** Replace a standard light bulb with a three way light bulb in a lamp that accommodates such a bulb. The smallest wattage can be used for soft lighting to create instant ambiance. The highest setting can be used for task lighting and reading.

**Throw Pillows:** Use throw pillows as a small yet effective way to add color, pattern and texture. Adding a throw pillow in the season's hot color, this spring the color is yellow, instantly updates a room.

**Door Mat:** A new doormat welcomes guests to your home. Rather than the basic green or tan color mat, look for a brightly painted mat to add color and warmth to your entrance. First impressions last, so make yours representative of the details inside your home.

**New Cabinet Knobs:** Replace your old cabinet knobs for a quick and effective transformation. New knobs can transform the look of Kitchen cabinets from old to new. A modern knob on older cabinets can result in an instantaneous updated look.

**Lamp Shade:** A tired looking lamp becomes new again with a fresh shade. Seek to change both the shape and color of the old shade, and you will feel like you purchased a new lamp. Bring your lamp base to the shade store for the most successful results.

**Fresh Flowers:** Flowers add color and smell to your home and help to brighten just about any room. Pick flowers from your garden or purchase stems from growers at local farmer's markets for a fresh and budget friendly alternative.

**Hand Towels:** Perk up a Kitchen or Powder Room with hand towels. These objects of necessity can do much more than simply dry your hands. For just a few dollars, colored or patterned hand towels add a bit of interest in these utilitarian spaces.

**Paint:** One gallon of a new paint color can dramatically change the look of a small room or piece of furniture. Drab walls can instantaneously change to stunning and a piece of furniture can be given a whole new personality with paint color.

**Child's Artwork:** Nothing adds character and color to home like a picture made by your favorite child. Simple artwork can be transformed to look like a masterpiece when placed in inexpensive frame. You can even commission your child to color a picture for you to fill a specific place on your wall or add a needed touch of color in a room.

These ideas are simple and inexpensive. Go ahead and give one a try, you will be impressed with how big of an impact the addition of one small decorative item can have in your home.