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Three Ways to Freshen Up a Room for Less Than \$15

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There are many great budget decorating products and tips out there, but when it comes to freshening up a room for under \$15.00 nothing tops the following three items. The beauty of each of these selections is that they are multi purpose purchase that can be used in a multitude of ways.

A Quart of Paint

Paint is the unsurpassed winner in budget makeover projects and a quart of paint typically cost between \$9.00 and \$13.00. The cost is low and the uses are infinite. A quart of paint can easily cover Powder Room walls giving a room an entirely new look. Additionally, you can paint existing furniture items such as tables, chairs and dressers. Painting furniture can make an old item feel new. Kitchen and Bathroom cabinets when painted receive a welcomed facelift. Other items to think about painting include lamps, baskets, planters, and other accessories.

A Flat Bed Sheet

Shop discount stores and clearance centers for flat bed sheets and you can find steals on these paying less than \$15.00 a sheet. This can be the most lovely pattern fabric for the lowest cost around. Use this fabric to make throw pillows for a sofa or bed. Flat bed sheets can also be used as drapery panels for a no sew project. Other applications in which you can use the sheet it to make custom shower curtains, chair covers, table clothes, placemats, and nearly anything that involves using fabric.

Blank Artist Canvas

For under \$15.00 you can purchase a stretched artist's canvas in a large array of sizes. Typically made of cotton duct and stapled on a wooden frame, these canvases can be easily turned into custom works of abstract art, and you do not need to be an artist. Please note, abstract is the key word. Go to your local library and find pictures of abstract art with broad expanses of color and simple lines. You can then replicate the masterpiece on your canvas. Or if you would rather come up with your own version of a masterpiece, you can use foam brushes to make wide stripes of colors allowing drips and paint build up to add to your piece.

Try investing \$15.00 or less in any of the above items. Each one (paint, bed sheet, and an artist canvas) offer unlimited opportunity to decorate your home for a small amount of money.