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Switch it up

There's no need to spend a pretty penny on doing up your home. Rhea Dhanbhoora brings you tips on how you can change the look of your home on a shoestring budget...

he next time you want to change the look of your home, don't worry about investing in new furniture or re-doing the paint job. Customising your home is quite expensive and these days, it's not easy to re-decorate as often as we'd like to. So, we show you how to revamp your home with a few simple tweaks:

### **NEW ITEMS**

You can change the look of your home without investing in new furnishings or

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furniture. For example, in your bathroom, buy colourful towels or a new bath mat and shower curtains and your bathroom will look as good as new with just a few tweaks! Similarly in your bedroom, change bedcovers and curtains to give the room a different look. If you colour co-ordinate it, it will look like a themed room.

## **PAINT FURNITURE**

There's no need to buy new furniture to see new furniture. Confused? Don't be. Simply



paint over old furniture to give it a new look. It's cheaper than buying new items and you can have the style and colour of your choice without having to hunt all over the city. You can even paint just the legs of a chair in a bright colour for a trendy look.

### **CHANGE UPHOLSTERY**

Get your sofa covers redone to match your mood, or get removable chair cushion covers in a design or colour of your choice.

### THE LITTLE THINGS

Spruce up your home with little things that don't cost a lot of money but can change how your home looks.

Lampshades, frames, vases, even shelves and holders in your bathroom can change the way a room looks without you having to invest in a makeover.

### **MOVE THINGS AROUND**

Don't want to re-decorate but bored of the way everything in your house looks? Simply shift your furniture around. Change where your television and couch is, move your dining table to another part of your room and so on. You'll be surprised about how different your room will look with just a few adjustments.

## **SPRUCE UP YOUR WALL**

Add frames, a board for quirky notes and hangings or even posters to cover peeling paint. Not only will this help you avoid having to paint over your walls and touch up the paint, it will also add a little customisation to your home with minimal expenditure involved.

### **BANGLES AS CURTAIN RINGS**

Have some old bangles lying around the house? Instead of throwing them away, use them to keep your curtains pulled back. It will add a more finished feel to your hall rather than just leaving your curtains hanging open and will help you save on curtain rings, which can sometimes be surprisingly expensive!

# **REPLACE FITTINGS**

To change the look of your furniture, try replacing the knobs on your cupboards and cabinets instead of buying new ones. Often, you can change the entire look of furniture just by changing the knobs. You can get really nice vintage knobs or even quirky ones with designs and images on them. The bigger the knob, the more noticeable it will be

# « TOP 5: REASONS WHY FOUNDATION IS GOOD FOR YOUR SKIN

## 1. IT PROTECTS YOUR SKIN

A foundation with a good SPF content will have UV protection that will allow your skin to breathe and give it enough elasticity and moisture. It will also create a protective layer over your skin that will keep sensitive skin protected from harsh weather and the pollution in the city.

## 2. IT'S GOOD FOR ACNE-PRONE SKIN

Sensitive and acne-prone skin can benefit from using mineral foundation as it has low

allergy risk and is good for all skin types. Mineral foundation, especially the powder type, aids in oil absorption and gives you a matte finish for a long time. Since it is noncomedogenic, it doesn't clog pores either.

# 3. NOT JUST A COSMETIC PRODUCT

Foundation is a valid skin care product and not just a decorative cosmetic item. There are many foundations available in the market which have positive long term effects such as SPF, anti-wrinkle properties and also acts as a moisturiser. So, pick one that works best for you and make sure it suits your skin tone, texture and type.

### 4. IT MAKES YOUR SKIN LOOK BETTER

You could be tired, sick or having one of those days when your face lacks its natural glow. In such times, you can always rely on foundation to help you look presentable. Dab on a little foundation to get glowing and healthy looking skin.

### 5. HELPS MAKEUP LAST LONGER

It provides a smooth and non-greasy surface for your makeup, keeping it from seeping into your skin and clogging pores. Using a good foundation as your base will also make your makeup last much longer.