

# 10 WEEKEND PROJECTS UNDER \$20

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*Whether you're buying a home or selling a home, it  
all starts with a dream. Let's Dream Together!*



1.

## Replace a Window Treatment

Has the window shade above your kitchen sink been marred by repeated exposure to splashes and cooking liquids? Replace a stained window covering with an inexpensive fabric treatment and see your kitchen in a whole new light.



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## Make a Message Center



An inexpensive glass panel can be pressed into service as a message center wherever it's needed. To make a design like this, paint the back of a glass panel to complement your kitchen and frame it. Use dry-erase markers to write notes and reminders.

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## Brighten a Bookcase

Give a bookcase an exciting backdrop by applying contact paper, scrapbook paper, or fabric to its back. If you don't want to commit to a particular design or color scheme, measure the piece's back panel and mount the background material on poster board, cut to the size of each shelf.



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## Tackle Trimwork

You might not be able to install new trimwork in your home for \$20, but you can make improvements to what you already have. Replace mismatched, missing, or damaged moldings, end caps, quarter rounds, or baseboard. Curved areas might require a special piece or trim made of an alternate material.



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## Organize the Entry

Keep dirt and mud contained with a boot tray near your home's entryway. Buy one that's easy to clean, or create your own from a jelly-roll pan. If storage space is limited, tuck the tray beneath a slim console table.



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## Update House Numbers



All it takes is a screwdriver and few minutes to give your front door a personality-filled facelift. Change out poorly operating door hardware or make house numbers more readable for a pretty, practical update on the cheap.

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## Replace Switch plates

Replace a plastic switch plate with a wood, metal, or ceramic cover to make a visual statement. Some switch plates are even textured to blend in with marble, tile, or stone surfaces. Do this for light switches, electrical outlets, and phone and cable jacks.



# 8.

## Elevate a Closet



Coax function from a messy closet with thoughtful accessories designed to elevate organization. Categorize hanging garments by type, day of the week, or family member with colorful tags. Slim, slip-free hangers look uniform and maximize space.

# 9.

## Step Up Storage

Plastic bins are a versatile and inexpensive way to restore order in almost every in-home trouble spot. Using clear bins for storage in a pantry or for a closet gift-wrap station, for example, is an easy way to take inventory and identify items at a glance. Use labels to ensure everything stays tidy and easy to access.



# 10.

## Designate a Drop Spot

Enhance the style and storage of your entryway with a designated place for important drop-zone items. Create a mini hang-up station for house keys and outgoing mail on the back of a cabinet door. Use magnetic strips, Peg-Board, or an old ceiling tin and add hooks to store items in one convenient location near the door.



I hope you have enjoyed these fun ideas as much as I did! I like to remember that updating and organizing your home is best done one step at a time and is a task that is never finished! Please let me know if you have any questions.

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