

**Details:** *Clear away the clutter, polish the hardwoods, clean the counter tops and dust the light fixtures.*

**Tips:**

- Shine a stainless steel sink with thrifty cleaning remedies such as baby oil or club soda, according to DoItYourself.com.
- Restore-A-Finish (about \$5 a can) can be used to polish cabinets and even blend out minor scratches and imperfections.
- Make sure the laundry room is fresh, inviting and organized.

**Floors:** *Hardwood floor that are on most buyers wish list can get expensive. To imitate the look for less try vinyl or Bamboo flooring.*

**Tips:**

- Dirty or worn carpet may benefit from professional cleaning.
- Practically any beaten-up hardwood can be salvaged with refinishing
- Another option for lackluster flooring use an area rug, even over carpets.
- If you are adding inexpensive carpeting, consider upgrading the carpet pad making a budget carpet feel luxurious.

**Lighting:** *New light fixtures are a quick way to create ambiance.*

**Tips:**

- Under the cabinet lighting in the kitchen is affordable and makes countertops sparkle.
- Open the blinds and wipe down the windows
- Compact fluorescent bulbs remain the go to choice for energy efficiency

**Paint:** *Paint the interior with neutral colors. Reserve the darker or trendier colors for accent walls.*

**Tips:**

- Flat or matt finish is difficult to clean and shows scuffs whereas semi-gloss - higher on sheen level is easy to clean and gloss accentuates flaws
- Eggshell or satin bounces light off the walls to make spaces seem larger.
- Don't use stark white on baseboards. Also make sure to use primer first.



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