



# 10 Home Improvement Ideas Under \$100

**Think you can't accomplish a significant home improvement with \$100? Think again! There are lots of ways you can upgrade your home on a small budget. Here are 10 ideas to get you on track to transforming your home one detail at a time.**

## 1. Make Over Your Hardware

Replace the original hardware in your house, from old-fashioned cabinet knobs to vintage drawer handles. Upgrade to stylish pieces that reflect your personality and match your decor.

## 2. Get Closet Savvy

You're probably grateful for your closet door because it lets you shut the chaos and clutter out of sight. Such disorder is not a pleasant way to start the day. Install a smarter organization system, and you'll have a much better feeling when you open that closet door in the morning. Then, save space by folding your clothes just right.

## 3. Install Track Lighting

You don't always need bright overhead lights to accomplish tasks from one room to another. Install track lighting along the underside of cabinets in your kitchen, bathroom and laundry room to make for easier navigation in the dark.

## 4. Make an Outdoor Walkway

If the pathways in your yard are less defined and more "choose-your-own-adventure," install stone pavers along frequented routes. Stone walkways add sophistication to the landscape at a surprisingly low cost. See HomeAdvisor's Install a Pathway Cost Guide to get information on material costs and installation tips.

## 5. Make an Entrance

Literally. Turn the area inside your front door into a functional entryway where your family and guests can drop their shoes and coats. Features that work well are benches with built-in shoe storage, hooks and overhead storage like shelves or cabinets. To get these features, skip the \$1,000 pre-fab units and get creative with

department and thrift store finds. Also, get inspired by mudroom makeovers.

## 6. Get a Programmable Thermostat

This is a worthwhile home improvement because, for under \$100, you're setting yourself up to save money in the long-run. Updating from a manual to a programmable thermostat will save energy and lower your electric bills. The unit will come with instructions for safe installation.

## 7. Add Dimension to Kitchen Cabinets

Switching up your cabinet colors can completely change the look and feel of your kitchen. Consider painting the lower cabinets one shade and the upper cabinets a different, complementary color. This two-tone style creates depth and dimension.

## 8. Update Your Light Fixtures

Updating your light fixtures is relatively simple and can make a notable difference. Take a walk down the lighting aisle next time you're at the store. You may be surprised by the low cost for high style.

## 9. Stick on a Backsplash

This may not seem like a sound investment, but peel-and-stick backsplashes are gaining popularity as more homeowners discover how easy they are to install. In less than a few hours, you can have a backsplash in almost any style—from subway tiles to natural stone.

## 10. Transform Your Bathroom

A standard bathroom will benefit a lot from a few quick additions. Framing the mirror with wood can cost as little as \$20 and upgrades the atmosphere. Extra shelves, a change of paint color on the cabinets and a piece of art will set a completely new tone that is anything but standard.

Many of these improvements can be completed in a matter of hours. If you only have an hour here and there, take the project one piece of hardware or one thrift store visit at a time. You can make significant changes in your kitchen, bathroom, entryway and even in your yard with a little bit of time and a hundred-dollar bill.

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