

Restyle your home

Easy way to give your home a new look

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You can give your home a makeover without resorting to a big renovation. If your home is looking a little boring or dated, changing up your furniture can do wonders in transforming your living space.

Mr Paul Keng, the managing director of The Furniture Mall, said: "Modern living leaves most of us with little time to accommodate a renovation in our busy schedule. But making your home look good should not be restricted to major overhauls. Changing up your furniture pieces, lighting and room colour can help to revitalise your home too."

Ms Susan Sng, a sales and operations manager from Castilla, shared that barring financial restrictions, homeowners should look into changing their decor every three to five years to inject new life to their abode.

Change it up

Tweaks and fixes can make a big difference to the room's overall look and vibe. Mr Keng recommended that homeowners look into four key areas that could jazz up your home's decor.

He shared that repainting of walls is a good step to give the impression of a newly revamped room as it is the most apparent parts of a room.

When it comes to lighting, work with what you have, and consider replacing your lighting with newer and trendier designs.

He said: "If you have a ceiling-mounted light fixture, try replacing it with a new pendant light to

make your room look different. Then add a new floor lamp to complement the pendant light on the ceiling. Avoid selecting light fixtures that look similar. Mixing them up with complementary designs will help to further enhance the room's decor and maintain its novelty."

You can also make your kitchen countertops sparkle like new again with a chemical wash treatment. For a quick fix, Mr Keng advised homeowners to replace the counter with a new one made of a different material to blend in with your freshly repainted walls.

He said: "For a final touch, replace the furnishings in the room. Look into changing up the curtains with quality fabric of your preferred textures and colour schemes to rejuvenate your home."

Ms Sng added that furniture and accessories are great design accents to highlight visual changes to a room. She recommended adding some bold colours through the use of items such as beanbags, an ottoman, a stool or armchairs.

But she advised homeowners to choose the right piece carefully by considering the piece of furniture's size, colour and how it will fit into their everyday life.

She said: "Some will like to relax on an L-shaped sofa that comes with a comfy chaise. Others may like to sleep on the arm of a three-seater sofa, so do consider your preferences before making your purchase."



Jazz up your room with a dash of colour.
Photo: Castilla



Showrooms provide homeowners with a good idea on how the furniture pieces will look like in your home.
Photo: The Furniture Mall

What's trending

No matter the scale of your home revamp, always have a look around at various furniture stores and showrooms to have a feel of the trends in interior design to keep your home looking fresh.

Mr Keng shared that a diverse range of design aesthetics have popped up in the various stores at The Furniture Mall. Furniture designs range from vintage to minimalist, and even modern industrial looks.

Generally, the safe go-to picks for most consumers are the contemporary cool classics. These are usually upbeat, trendy pieces that will complement most room interior and add a nice designer accent to jazz up a room.

Take inspiration

Furniture stores are more than just retail spaces to purchase furniture pieces from. Usually these stores will have a dedicated section within its retail space to display how their furniture will look as part of a room composition.

Ms Sng said: "Visiting the showroom will give better idea of how various pieces of furniture will look like in your home. After viewing the set-ups in the showroom, homeowners can take away ideas on colour scheme and design, and how the furniture fits

into their home."

Mr Keng added that interior settings in showrooms also are a great way for homeowners to feel how the furniture's texture and colour will play off with different homeware aesthetics.

Help at hand

Decorating your home should not be put on hold because you have yet to engage an interior decorator. When in doubt, don't be afraid to ask the design specialists in furniture stores.

Both Ms Sng and Mr Keng advised homeowners to seek help from the design specialists that are in store to give some decorating pointers.

Ms Sng said: "Product specialists, such as those in our stores, are equipped to advise and recommend furniture that will suit a particular home decor, ambience, budget and lifestyle. Many of them have interior design backgrounds and can even assist homeowners to plan their layouts to turn their idea of a dream home into reality."

She added that some furniture brands, such as Castilla, offer special services, for instance, visiting a customer's house for measurements and recommendations.



Consider updating your room with a new pendant lighting fixture for a new look.
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Lighting up homes can be effortlessly done in many ways to form different characteristics for each living space. Scores of lighting and furnishing varieties are widely available for all residential, commercial, industrial and mixed development spaces.

PRIORITY IN SETTING THE TONE



Lights, matter-of-factly, do play a crucial role in creating the kind of ambience and identity for every room in your home living space.

If whipping up a meal for friends is your fave hobby, then the selection of lighting accessories for the kitchen island would be of paramount importance. Common hues for kitchen wall colours are usually in neutral tones of off-white, light grey or blue and muted country green.

DELIBERATION IS WELL WORTHY



From here, you can easily start your journey patiently to shortlist the types of lightings to be installed, highlighting the true essence of your hosting spot in the home, with elegant high stools or chairs to match the counter top.

OPTIONS APLENTY



Recessed and pendant lightings are generally the most convenient ones to source for. If desired, dimmers may be easily installed to recessed lightings for an incandescent glow during evening celebrations, where guests are likely to mingle freely in the living or dining rooms, balconies, patios or verandahs, with champagne glass in one hand, canapé in the other.

If your preference is for pendant lights to brighten up your kitchen island, get ready to be spoilt for choice! Chandeliers, symmetrical-shaped, cluster, crystal, drum-shaped, bowl-inspired and colored stained glass pendants are gorgeous classics, always in trend.

CABINETRY WONDERS



Selecting woodwork pieces for accompaniments come easy when the lights have taken their places. Simply extend the overall theme of the space by adding on outstandingly fine quality pieces of furniture to complete the look.

If the lighting theme beholds a contemporary touch, the flexibility is immense because any trendy furniture set and cabinets will fit in the space naturally, accentuated by the lights.

Similarly, if the theme of the decor spells authenticity, then extend the theme with authentic designer furniture and furnishings, complete with carpets to match.

MOMENTS TO CHERISH



With perfect lightings, furniture and furnishings, you will shine ever brighter in the luxurious company of family and friends. Flash your mega-watt smile!