



## **10 Affordable Ways to Upgrade a Kitchen**

When fixing up a property to resell or simply wanting to get the kitchen updated in order to get the top dollar when renting, consider these tips!

### **Easy fixes**

#### **1. Reorganize your drawer, cupboard, and counter space.**

One of the easiest, and cleverest, ways to make your kitchen look like new is to reorganize your drawer, cupboard, and counter space. You'll be amazed at what a little bit of decluttering and stacking can do. The best part? It costs you nothing.

#### **2. Find a place for small appliances**

Once you've organized your drawers, take your decluttering to the next level by tidying away small appliances and thoroughly cleaning work and storage surfaces.

#### **3. Hang up family photos or modern art prints**

Update your kitchen's tired walls with inexpensive but bold modern art prints or family photos. Just choose your favorite, add a frame, and hang on the wall for an instant lift.

## **Cosmetic changes**

### **4. Paint the walls.**

A coat of paint can do wonders for any room in your house, but this is particularly true in the kitchen. Choose a neutral color that will go well with appliances and cupboards, and make sure your paint is of the highest quality so it will last longer.

### **5. New Oven Hood**

Give your range a fresh new look with a shiny new oven hood; we particularly love stainless steel at Modernize. If you shop smart, you don't have to spend tons here.

### **6. Replace Kitchen faucets**

Change out your rusty old kitchen faucets and taps for a shiny new model. Bonus points if you choose one with an extendable hose!

### **7. Replace Lighting fixtures**

It really is amazing what new lighting can do for a room. Switch out your old, outdated lighting fixtures and install something new and exciting over your worktops and dining table — and while you're at it, make sure to use energy-saving LED bulbs.

### **8. Change Cabinet knobs**

If your kitchen cabinets and drawers are looking worse for wear but you can't afford to replace them entirely, just change out the knobs and handles. These can be purchased at any home improvement store, so choose any style you like.

## **9. Paint the Cabinets**

You can replace your old cabinet doors with newer models without completely gutting your kitchen. If you don't have the time, try re-staining the existing doors to give them new life.

## **10. Replace Backsplashes**

Give your backsplashes a new lease on life with new adhesive tiles. Much cheaper than their stone, marble, and glass counterparts, adhesive tiles are inexpensive and simple to install. Just make sure you've got your level handy.

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