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Give Back to Your Home

It is the season for giving thanks, so why not give back to your home. With these inexpensive updates, you can increase the resale value of your home and create a space you love even more.

Break Out the Paint

A little bit of paint can go a long way. While it is expensive to replace kitchen cabinets, sanding and painting them costs much less and can make the room feel brand new. The same goes for other rooms in your home. Just remember that neutral colors are better for resale value because they appeal to the most people. Paint can also refresh your old front door and add a pop of color to your house.

Bathroom Basics

There are plenty of ways to update your bathroom without breaking the bank. Bathtub looking a little worn? Paint it with epoxy. This gives the tub a fresh look and immediately improves the look of your bathroom. You can also replace outdated fixtures such as the sink and bath tub faucets to add a fresh touch. If you have old brass fixtures, a bottle of brass darkening solution can give them an antique look for less than \$20.

Shine a Light

Every room in your house can benefit from new light fixtures. The first step is deciding what areas need an upgrade. Take an inventory of your lights and choose which ones to replace based on their positive impact. A new chandelier above your dining room table adds a focal point to the room, while adding track lighting to a living room creates ambience and focuses attention on the furniture. In the kitchen, adding track lighting to the bottom of the cabinets makes tasks easier and adds a sophisticated finish. Just remember to choose something that reflects your style and matches the other lighting in the house.

Curb Appeal

You don't have to hire a professional landscaping company to give your outdoor space a fresh look. If you already have patio furniture, buy new all-weather pillows to refresh the space. Brighten up a sidewalk or pathway with wire-free battery powered lights. Not only will it make the path safer, it is warm and welcoming. Other simple landscaping tasks include adding a border or edging material around your garden beds, building a fire pit or planting inexpensive perennials.

No matter what home improvement projects you choose, there is a simple and inexpensive way to make old spaces look new. Not only will you enjoy the updates now, they can also improve the resale value of your home in the future.

I am here to help, even if you are not an RCB Bank customer. Feel free to call me at 405.608.5291 or email me at kwohl@bankrcb.net.

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