



Carrico Lifestyle

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Get the Most Out of Your Money!

If you've ever decided to tackle a home improvement project, you know that it can all be overwhelming at first. It's hard to decide where to even begin. It's even harder if you're on a tight budget. It requires getting creative and looking beyond the surface. Say you're redoing a bedroom. A good place to start would be to clean out the clutter! Start with the closet and work your way out from there. After the closet, then tackle the dresser and chest drawers. There are also several organizers that make the job easier. After you've cleaned out the clutter, then you have a cleaner room to work with.

Next, decide if you want to paint. A new color in a room can really give a different look to your room. When considering paint colors, decide if you want to change your bedding and curtains. You can coordinate the paint colors to compliment the colors in your bedding and curtains. Painting is pretty easy, it just takes the time to do it. Also, be sure to put down some type of cloth to protect your floors and furniture. I consider myself to be a pretty neat painter, but I've dripped paint on my share of carpet and it's no fun to try and clean up. Also, painters tape really helps mask off baseboards, ceilings and door trim. Many people are intimidated by color. Even when you're finished if you don't like it, you're out maybe \$20.

After you've considered the paint question, decide if you're happy with the furnishings in the room. Maybe it's time for a different look. If you don't have much to work with, maybe just change your bed. You can select a bed that coordinates with existing pieces or you can use the bed as an accent in the room. Maybe in a few months when you get your income taxes back, you can go buy the rest of the bedroom set. Maybe you don't have any money to spend on a bedroom set, you can rearrange the room to give a different look, or consider refinishing your furniture. (May not be possible unless you have solid wood furniture).

If you're working in a living room, if new furniture isn't an option, consider slip covers to go over your old sofa or loveseat. They have some really nice looking slip covers out now, very reasonably priced. Also, accent chairs can add a lot to your space, again, they are very reasonably priced and can create a nice look.

If your kitchen table has seen better days, and you can't quite afford a new one, consider an elegant tablecloth and maybe slip covers for your chairs. If you have chairs with upholstered seats, consider possible recovering the seats. If you have wooden chairs, consider removable cushions that fasten to the back of the chair.

Everything mentioned thus far can be accomplished on a tight budget. The money saved can be spent on a new home office. (You had to know we would get around to this!) Carrico Office Furniture has something for everyone . . . contemporary, traditional, plain or detailed in choice of wood finishes. Check out our website at www.cof-1.com for ideas and accessory furniture for other rooms of your home. Get the most out of your hard earned money this spring with handcrafted furniture from Carrico!

For any room, consider an area rug, pictures, lamps, florals and greenery. These all help make a complete package and make a huge difference! This should be enough at least to get the wheels turning. Sometimes that's all it takes and that sparks some creativity on your part. Make it your space this spring!

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