



10 Ways
TO TRANSFORM
KITCHEN
on a **Budget!**

1. Painting Kitchen Cabinets (hand painting vs spray painting)

One of the best ways to make your kitchen look better without spending a lot of money is to paint your kitchen doors and cabinets. You can use a spray gun or paint the kitchen cabinets by hand.



When you paint with a brush or roller, lines or texture marks are likely to show up. This is especially noticeable and not desired on surfaces that are supposed to be smooth and perfect.

Hand Painting

Painting with a roller or brush is a cheap option that gives you more control and is easier to use. Even though painting by hand takes a long time and needs careful attention, the end may not always be the best. However, this way works well for people who like to do things themselves and like the hands-on approach.

DIY paints are a quick and easy way to paint without spending a lot of money. They are simple to use, good for casual purposes, and don't cost a lot, so they're great for people on a budget. But they might not last as long or have as good of a finish as professional-grade paints, which could mean that you have to touch them up or redo more often.

Spray Painting

A spray painting kitchen typically offers a much smoother finish compared to a hand-painted one. The use of specialised equipment allows for a uniform application, resulting in a sleek surface that can often resemble glass in its smoothness. This is especially beneficial for contemporary kitchens where a flawless appearance is desired.



Professional two-pack paints are often a more costly option and require a higher level of expertise for proper application. However, the initial investment is usually justified by the benefits they offer: a long-lasting, high-quality finish that can endure wear and tear much better than other types of paint. This makes them a suitable choice for projects where durability and a premium finish are top priorities.

2.Replacing hardware

The second thing you can do to improve your kitchen is to think about getting new hardware. Changing the cabinet handles, hinges, and drawer systems to modern ones, along with changing the hardware, may seem small, but they can make a big difference in how your kitchen works and looks.



Replacing handles

If you replace your old cabinet handles with sleek, modern ones, your cabinets will look brand new right away. They look nicer and last longer, too.

Soft-close hinges help cut down on noise and wear and tear. With modern drawer systems and drawer stoppers, you can make your kitchen more organised and useful by making it easier to get to things and store them. If you are limited on space, you might want to look into corner carousel cabinets, which make the most of those corners that aren't used very often. These changes to the hardware in your kitchen won't break the bank and will make it look and work better.



3. Upgrading the light fixtures

In the pursuit of budget-friendly kitchen improvements, our third suggestion is to consider upgrading your light fixtures. Lighting plays a pivotal role in setting the ambiance and functionality of your kitchen.

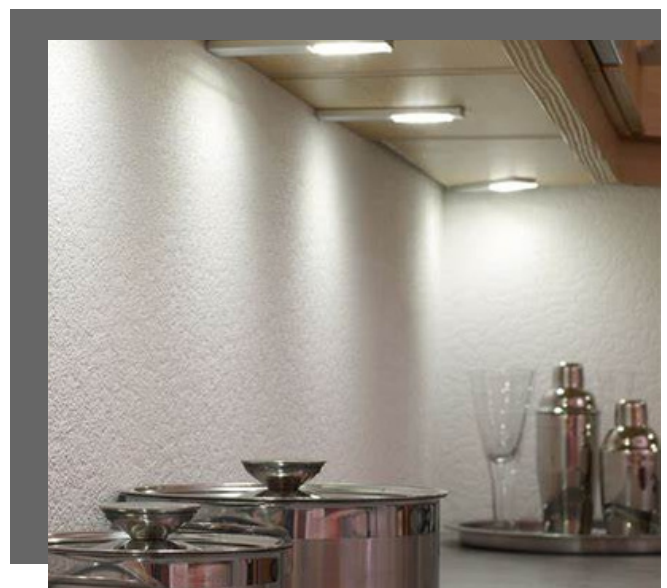


Main Lights

Swapping out the main ceiling light for a more modern and energy-efficient fixture can brighten up the entire space while reducing energy costs. If you want to highlight specific areas or features, adding spotlights can work wonders. Plinth lights, strategically placed along the bottom of cabinets or kitchen islands, can create a visually striking effect and provide subtle, soft illumination during the evening hours. These lighting upgrades are relatively cost-effective and can instantly elevate the look and feel of your kitchen, making it a more pleasant and functional space without straining your budget.

Under Cabinet LED Lights

Installing under-cabinet lighting can not only add a touch of elegance but also improve task lighting for food preparation and cooking.



Upgrading your worktops can bring about a remarkable transformation. There are a few approaches to consider in this category.



Replacing the worktop

If your existing worktops are showing signs of wear and tear, you might explore the option of replacing them. Budget-friendly materials like laminate worktops can often be used to mimic the appearance of more expensive materials without compromising too much on quality. However, you'll need to consider removing the existing splashback to facilitate the removal of old worktops.

Restoring the worktop

Restoring old worktops can be a cheap way to give a kitchen a new look without having to go through the trouble and cost of a full replacement. This option is for solid wood worktops that can be sanded, stained, lacquered, or simply oiled.





Worktops Spraying

An alternative and cost-effective option is to repaint your worktops in solid colours. This method is feasible only when using special, extremely hard-wearing paints that offer long-lasting durability. It's generally not advisable to undertake this task yourself; it's best left to the professionals for optimal results.

Spray Granite

A great new option that we also recommend is granite spraying. This technology allows us to achieve a stone-like effect on any surface, be it wood, laminate or stone. It is the best alternative to a brand new stone worktop.



For an extra £300, we can also spray your tiles with the same granite look.



The Spray Granite technology is not suitable for DIY as it requires professional equipment and expertise. As accredited Spray Granite contractors we would be happy to advise you and provide a free quote. Please contact us for further details



Painting Tiles

One cost-effective method to transform the look of your kitchen tiles without removing them is to paint them. However, it's important to note that hand-painting and spray painting are quite different in terms of technique and finish. Just like with countertops, you'll need specialised paint and a certain level of expertise for a durable result.

Stone Effect Spraying

Spray Granite is a coating system mimicking natural granite and stone and is a fast and affordable solution for renovating existing surfaces such as a splash back or tiles. However, a DIY option is not available with this one.



If you decide to replace the tiles or splash panels completely, then you have a lot of options to choose from. It is also worth remembering that we should install a splashback above the oven, because the walls there are the most exposed to stains. The rest of the countertops do not have to be tiled, but we should put at least an upstand, which will cover the gap between the wall and the worktop.



Electrical Appliances

Replacing electrical appliances in the kitchen can be costly upfront, but advancements in energy-saving technologies may yield long-term savings. If your kitchen is dated and the appliances are showing their age, it's wise to budget for their eventual replacement. When planning to replace appliances, focus on the ones that are in need of an upgrade or those that consume a significant amount of energy, such as the fridge, oven, or dishwasher.

Sink & Tap

If you're updating your kitchen by replacing door handles and giving it a fresh coat of paint, it's advisable to also consider swapping out the sink and taps. This ensures a cohesive look where the new style and colours are harmoniously matched.



Look for energy-efficient models that bear the Energy Star label, as they can substantially reduce your utility bills over time. Additionally, consider the aesthetic aspect of your new appliances – stainless steel or matte finishes can give your kitchen a contemporary look.

6. Upgrading cabinet style

When it comes to giving your kitchen a budget-friendly makeover, upgrading the cabinet style can be a game-changer. Often, it's the small details that make a big impact. Consider adding cornices and pelmets to your cabinets for a more refined and traditional look

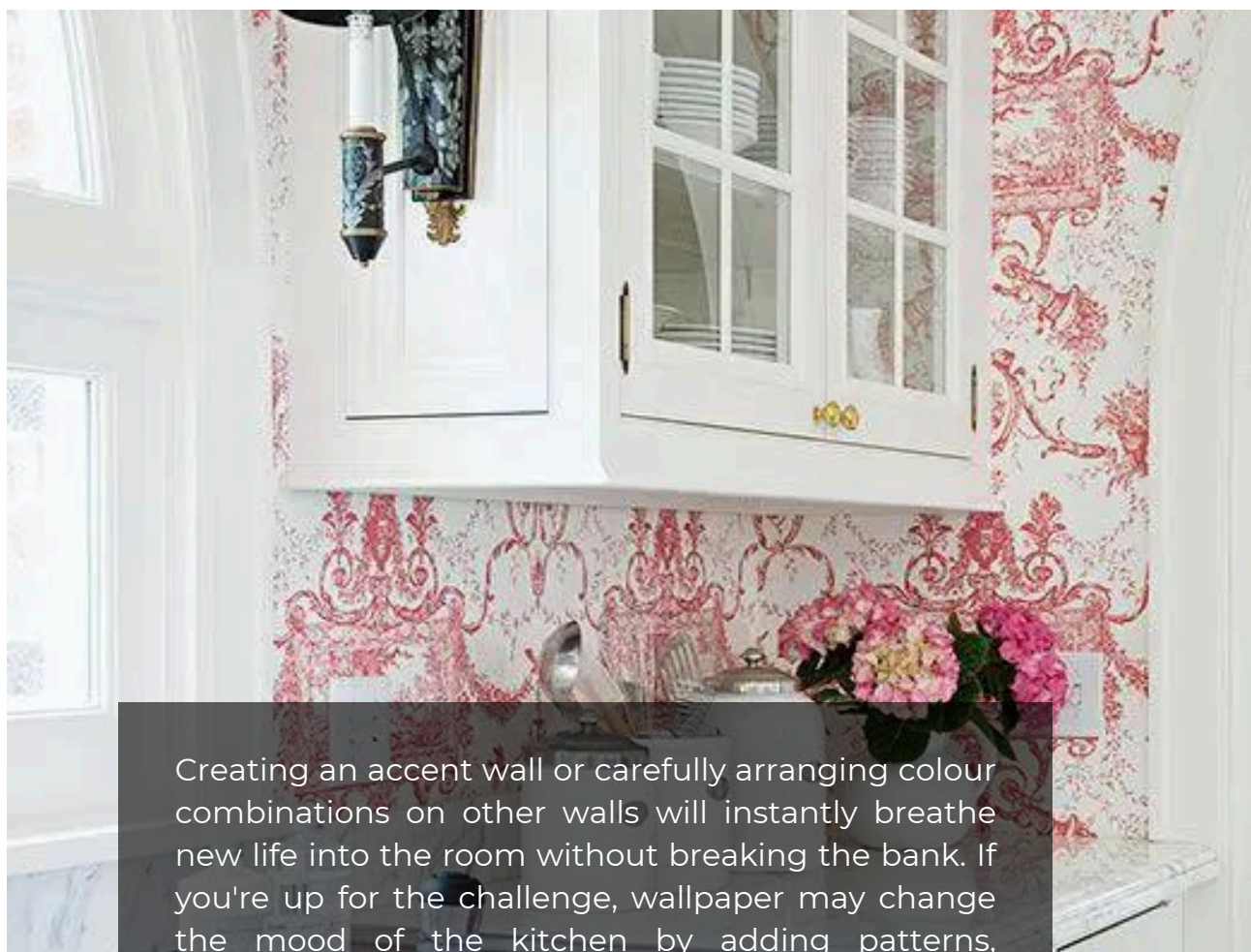


Another cost-effective way to refresh your cabinets is by adding practical and stylish features like a wine rack. For a more dramatic transformation, you can reface flat cabinet doors with mouldings, which will add a more stylish design.

If you're looking for more advanced features that the modern kitchens brands offer, we recommend taking a look at pull-out cabinets or shelves, automatic door opening and in-cabinet lighting to enhance functionality and convenience.

8. Painting or wallpapering walls

Using a creative technique, such as painting or wallpapering the walls, you can improve the visual attractiveness of your kitchen without breaking the bank. Learning about colour theory will assist you in selecting the ideal colour scheme that complements your style and the overall atmosphere you wish to create. While strong colours can provide a splash of personality and excitement, lighter hues can make a tiny kitchen appear more airy and roomy.



Creating an accent wall or carefully arranging colour combinations on other walls will instantly breathe new life into the room without breaking the bank. If you're up for the challenge, wallpaper may change the mood of the kitchen by adding patterns, textures, and visual intrigue. To create a unified and welcoming appearance, it's important to find a balance between the colours, patterns, and existing decor. You can create a room that expresses your creativity and flair in your kitchen on a budget by experimenting with mixing paint and wallpaper.

Modern or classic

If you want to make your kitchen look better without spending a lot of money, don't forget about the power of decorative items. Putting chosen items on the walls of your kitchen can give it style and personality. Consider hanging art or framed photos that you love and that go with the colours in your kitchen. Floating shelves are another option that can be used for storage or to show off artistic items like plants, vases, or plates.



Functional decor, like colourful dishes, that can be used on special occasion is worth considering. Also, think about adding new kitchen towels or curtains with designs and colours that match the rest of the room. Without spending a lot of money, these artistic items can give your kitchen personality and make it feel more personal. It's important to choose things that match your style and go well with the rest of your kitchen's decor.

10. Flooring

The last, but definitely not the least thing that can make a big difference in your kitchen, is updating the floors. There are various flooring options, like laminate, hardwood, engineered floors, vinyl, and luxury vinyl tiles. However, it's important to note that not all types are suitable for kitchen use. The floor needs to be resistant to water and last as long as possible, as the kitchen is one of the most traffic intensive rooms in the house.



Innovative flooring

Luxury vinyl tiles (LVT) are a fantastic option, mimicking the look of various flooring materials, including hardwood and stone, at a fraction of the cost. Additionally LVT flooring can be installed over existing surfaces like laminate or tiles, eliminating the need for removal and preparation costs. It can also LVT be fitted without the need for adding any beading or cutting doors. that means a labour cost savings for you.



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