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HGTV's Kelly Edwards: Update your bathroom in a single weekend

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Not everyone has the time or money to undergo a complete bathroom renovation, but there are some simple and cost effective ways to make your bathroom as good as new in a short amount of time, and at a fraction of the cost. Waterpik and Kelly Edwards, designer from HGTV's "Design on a Dime," have some ideas and tips that can be used to update any bathroom in less than two days, and for \$200 or less.

"Even the smallest changes can make a big difference," said Edwards. "Pick one or all of the tips below to quickly update and remodel your bathroom without breaking the bank; sometimes it's the simplest changes that can really give your room a completely revamped look and feel."

Suggestions for simple changes that offer big results include the following anyone-can-do projects:

Paint. A fresh coat of paint is one of the simplest and most affordable ways to make a big splash in any room.

- Light, bright colors can make the room feel more open and airy.
- Walls aren't the only things that can be painted. Cabinets, ceilings and, depending on the material, even floors can be painted.

Textiles. Look for bargains at closeout stores, and check out online sales so you can stock up and splurge.

- A fresh set of fluffy new towels brings instant color.
- An updated shower curtain can add an air of drama, whimsy, romance or relaxation, depending on the style you choose.
- Don't forget a new set of rugs to warm up bare, wet feet, and window curtains, too.

Shower and tub. Turn these functional elements into spa-like amenities.

• Simply changing your showerhead can turn a regular shower into a true sensual, spa-like experience. The EasySelect showerhead from Waterpik, for example, has a spray selector located right on the handle, so you can change the spray settings from circular massage to full body coverage without having to reach through the water stream. Find out more at www.waterpik.com.

- Get attractive organizers for all your shower accessories. You can find options to fit just about any need and style.
- Replace the typical shower curtain rod with a curved rod. The curve not only gives you more room to shower, but adds a little bit of visual oomph to the room.

Hardware. Because most bathrooms won't have a lot of knobs or pulls to replace, you can afford to splurge a little bit on something special.

- Switch out traditional knobs for ones that say something about you. You can find knobs in just about any shape - from cowboy boots or kittens, to sea shells and flowers.
- Try a different knob material. Ceramic, wood, stone, brushed nickel and polished bronze all make stylish additions.

Lighting. Nothing creates mood better than good lighting.

- Turn a recessed light fixture into a hanging one - maybe even a refurbished chandelier.
- Install a dimmer switch so you can have just the right amount of overhead light you need.
- Adding light sconces on either side of the mirror will help eliminate shadows on your face.
- Keep plenty of pretty candles on hand to help you create calm, relaxing atmosphere when it's time for a long soak in the tub.

The key to any project is to work with the space you have and to create a consistent style that you and your family enjoy.

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