



Don't Replace... Update!



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In today's tight real estate market, many people are leaning toward staying where they are, rather than moving to a home they think might better satisfy their current needs. So they're looking around their current home to see what they can do to give it an updated look without spending a fortune or going through months of construction disruption. Kitchens and bathrooms are an obvious place to start, as are any other dark wood built-in cabinetry, including wine bars or consoles that once looked so trendy.

Kitchens are the heart of today's home, that room where everyone wants to be. Some relatively simple changes can transform yours from tired and (just maybe!) drab to joyful and welcoming. Bringing color into the space is the starting point. Begin by having wood cabinetry professionally painted to give your space a whole new look with a lot less disruption and mess than ripping out and starting over. (This is definitely not a DIY project, as there is a multi-step process best done by professionals to ensure a long-lasting finish.) Consider replacing countertops with one of today's popular materials such as quartz or quartzite. Changing the backsplash is an easy update as well with today's wide variety of tile - or consider using the countertop material as the backsplash. Switching out the hardware seems like such a small change, but the overall impact can be dramatic. And don't forget the lighting, which subtly affects a room's ambience. Last but far from least - accessorize with fresh plants, glass or stone vessels, whatever reflects your personality and style.

You can use the same techniques to spruce up other areas in your home as well...let your imagination run a little wild. Use the pictures here as inspiration, or give us a call. We've got lots of ideas!

