

Ideas and inspiration to refresh your kitchen

Use these simple tips from professional designer Nadia Geller for ideas and inspiration to refresh your kitchen.



Starting With The Easy Stuff

- **Clear the counters.** Make sure there is a home for everything in your kitchen and get rid of items you don't use. Sometimes a little reorganization and de-cluttering goes a long way to making your kitchen seem like a new space.
- **Change the color.** Simply changing the color of the walls or cabinets is an inexpensive way to make a huge impact on the overall look and feel of your kitchen.
- **Get inspired by food.** If you're thinking about a color change, consider this: most people are attracted to colors that are the same as the food they like.

Considering Some Fun Ideas

- **Spice it up.** Incorporate elements that are vintage, antique or just plain used. Unique cabinet hardware can be found at architectural salvage yards, flea markets and swap meets.
- **Consider a backsplash.** A tiled backsplash can add some great style to your kitchen. There are almost limitless designs and materials to choose from that can really add a nice finishing touch.
- **Add a window treatment.** Window treatments add color, style and privacy. Roman shades work great. They are easy to use and look great up or down.
- **Don't forget area rugs.** When selecting a floor rug, choose a good padding underneath and make sure the rug is washable.

Tuning Up Your Lighting

- **Light up your countertops.** Under-cabinet lighting is a simple and easy way to refresh your kitchen.
- **Put your lighting on a dimmer switch.** It's amazing how the right light can set the mood of your choice —with different options for all occasions.
- **Show off a little.** Changing out some of the cabinet doors to glass paneled doors and adding light really turns up the drama in the kitchen.



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