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The Heart of Every Home....

Everybody knows it's the kitchen. And an attractive kitchen can indeed make your home more appealing to potential buyers. That doesn't mean you need to spend a ton of time and money on a brand new kitchen before putting your house on the market.

There are a few things you can do to spruce up a tired kitchen with a minimum of fuss and on a nominal budget. Start with the 'less is more' philosophy. Clear your counter tops. Store appliances inside

cupboards. This will open the room, achieving a spacious, clean look and feel. Play with your cabinets a bit. If you have a small kitchen, create the illusion of space by removing some cabinet doors to expose shelving or replace the cupboard doors with glass fronts. A less radical approach is to simply paint cabinets a glossy white and walls a contrasting colour for a fresh, new look. Add some pizzazz with new pulls (vintage hardware is currently in, but you can find all sorts at your

local hardware store). Install new faucets and sink. If the flooring needs help, consider investing in a change. Another popular idea is to replace the counter tops.

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