

## 2. Apply fresh paint

This is one of the cheapest ways to get the most bang for your buck. Choose a fresh neutral color that goes with everything rather than an intense one. Instead, use decor and furniture to bring color into your home. A bright green wall may totally be your style but could be off-putting to potential buyers. Additionally, lighter neutral colors may also help your home appear larger.



### 3. Rearrange Furniture

Move your furniture around to create a layout that flows. Design experts recommend to “float your furniture” which basically means pulling your pieces off the walls and into the center of the room which will create easy traffic flow and the illusion of more space.



## 4. Lighting is everything

Open the blinds and use your home's natural lighting to your advantage. If you don't have an abundance of natural light or you have outdated fixtures, it may be time to update them. Replace old light switches, outlets, and hardware to give a room a new look (and more light).



## 5. Don't hide your flaws

Last but not least, don't use staging to cover up problems. You can always downplay an off-centered window with staging, but if there are bigger problems that you're covering up, they will eventually be exposed. The inspection phase or furniture removal could reveal those hidden issues during closing.

