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How to Refresh Your Home in the New Year

5 inexpensive and effortless tips to follow.

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Ready to breathe new life into your home? If you want to make some changes to your space or your New Year's resolution is to redecorate, it can be tough knowing where to start. Use these simple tips to renew and refresh your home sweet home.



simplify your space

One of the best ways to revive your home is to declutter. If you buy stuff you don't end up using, you're not alone. Many people have closets full of clothes, books, and knickknacks they've abandoned. Instead of hanging onto things that are just collecting dust, consider donating them. If you're overwhelmed by the idea of cleaning out your entire house, start with a room or even just one cabinet.



add a new houseplant

If you're looking to incorporate some natural decor into your space, pick up a new plant. Houseplants liven up a room and clean the air, and they offer a crisp and bright look. If you don't have a green thumb, don't worry. There are plenty of plants that require little attention, such as a snake plants or cast-iron plants.



create a spa-inspired bathroom

A fun way to refresh your bathroom is to give it a spa makeover. Add a small, lowlight lamp and some soothing sounds. Be sure to buy a lavender candle to carry the scent of a spa into your bathroom. For bonus points, use lavender-scented cleaning products, such as [method french lavender all-purpose surface cleaner](#). It'll help infuse the relaxing aroma into your space while removing dirt and stains, and just like all of method's cleaners, it's made with plant-based cleaners and thoughtfully chosen ingredients.



diffuse a signature scent

You can't refresh your home without addressing the way it smells. While you may work hard to keep bad smells at bay, the space you cook, eat, sleep, and live in can still have many odors. Start by selecting a signature scent. For example, if you wanted to diffuse an energizing, citrusy aroma throughout, use soaps and candles with notes of orange, lemon, or grapefruit. (We like [method pink grapefruit foaming hand wash](#).) Shine up the counters with [method apple orchard daily granite cleaner](#), they make cleaning easy and affordable (and great smelling).



do a deep clean

What better way to refresh your home than to clean it? After you've decluttered, perform a deep clean. This means more than just wiping down surfaces and vacuuming. Clean the tops of your cabinets and scrub the inside of your refrigerator. Hit the self-clean button on your oven, and don't forget to clean your windows, as they're often neglected. Grab a bottle of [method mint glass and surface cleaner](#) and wash every window in the house. This cleaner is genius at removing fingerprints and grime without leaving streaks—plus, it's made without ammonia and gives off refreshing notes of crisp peppermint and fresh eucalyptus leaves.

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