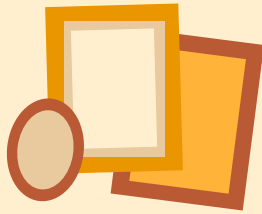


second-hand hacks to STYLE YOUR HOME

You love “thrill-of-the-hunt” garage sale bargains. Maybe you cannot resist an antique store brimming with treasures waiting for a new home. Estate sale? Yes, please! Personalizing your home with vintage or previously-loved items is a budget-friendly way to decorate, kind to our planet and gives gently used items a new life. Here are a few essentials you can find and customize to fit your aesthetic at home.

FRAMES

Picture frames are a great way to dress up a room and bring in a touch of character. You can transform them to fit any color palette with a little TLC. Create a wall gallery by painting them the same color, place a mirror inside and hang in your powder room or print out one of your favorite sayings and hang it for all to enjoy.



BASKETS

For only a few dollars, baskets can serve two purposes: storage and decoration. Before you load up on a great deal, think about their purpose in your home. Small baskets can hold tiny treasures or those always-missing car keys, medium-sized ones work great to maintain office supplies and large ones are a unique way to store the ever-growing shoe pile by the door.



DISHES

Want to pick up new holiday glasses to match your dishes, but a pricey purchase is out of the question? Maybe you'd love a few serving pieces with a spring feel to use during Easter dinner. Have an idea for a wall filled with dishes in your dining room? Dishware, flatware and glasses are easy to find and can save you hundreds of dollars purchased second-hand. Inspect each piece thoroughly for chips or defects, and be sure items have a purpose and place before bringing them home.

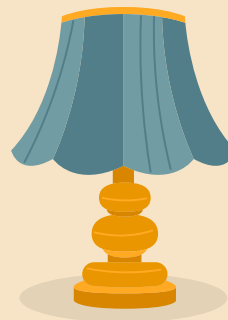


VASES

Vases come in various shapes and sizes and line the shelves at thrift stores. Consider repurposing wide cylinder-shaped ones to hold pens and pencils, hot gluing a ribbon or a bow on small ones to hold cotton balls or Q-Tips.

BOOKS

If you can't put down a good book, you've come to the right place. From cookbooks to bestsellers, you'll find plenty to fill your shelves. You can even use books as part of your décor. A small stack makes an excellent platform for teapots and picture frames. Interesting book covers and spines can complement the colors in your home. Oh, they're great for actually reading too!



LAMPS

Whether you need a new base, a shade or the whole thing, giving a lamp a makeover is easy. From spray paint to adding embellishments, you can transform any lamp from meh to marvelous. Love an antique one as is? Make sure the wiring is in working order before taking it home.

WALL ART

The gallery of your dreams is just one eclectic shopping trip away from happening. You can find vintage paintings, pencil sketches and posters galore to decorate your home office or hallway. Choose a theme or color you love and start collecting away.

