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Styling your home on a budget

Styling your home to increase its potential sale value doesn't have to cost a lot of money. Start with the following ideas and you will be well on your way to achieving a great result.

Declutter - The first option on this list is also the cheapest and most important. You can dramatically improve the look and feel of your home by removing any unnecessary furniture, ornaments or just general clutter. Donate surplus items and hire a storage unit if you can. Leave kitchen benches and desks clear except for one or two items.

Depersonalise - Sticking with the removal theme, remove personal items where you can so that your future buyer can imagine their family in your home.

Turn on the lights - Make your rooms as bright as possible by using high-wattage bulbs throughout your home. Make sure to use warm white bulbs which give off an inviting golden tone. If they take a while to warm up, make sure you turn them on in advance of any buyer viewings.

Lamps - Create inviting corners throughout your home with a few well-placed lamps, the added warm light will make your home even more welcoming.

White linen on every bed - Use white linen throughout your home for a crisp, clean and tidy look. Add different coloured throws to each bed to provide a splash of colour.

Pillows - Every bed looks more inviting when it is stacked with lots of

pillows. Buy fresh inners that haven't had the life squashed out of them and finish it off with brand new pillowcases.

Cushions - Dress up any ageing couch or chair with cushions. Go for soft neutral colours and choose soft textures to add a feeling of warmth to any room.

Mirrors - The key to making any room feel larger and lighter is to add mirrors.

Scented Diffusers - Go with light, fresh aromas that don't overpower.

Plants - There is nothing like greenery to make your home feel more inviting. Make sure you add plants to bathrooms as well to add a pop of colour.

Towels - New, plush looking towels in bold colours are a great way to add luxury to an otherwise neutral bathroom.

Bedrooms - Style all potential bedrooms to have a bed in them if possible. If you don't have a spare bed to use, you can place an air-mattress on top of boxes or storage containers and dress it up like a normal bed to achieve the same effect.

Carpets - If your carpet is looking a bit tired, consider getting it professionally cleaned. A deep clean can give your carpet new life before you go on the market. This can cost a few hundred dollars but it's usually worth every cent.