

decorating ON A dime

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Get ideas from these money-saving design makeovers



Do you have a room in your house that is in need of a complete decorating makeover, but you don't think you have the budget to make it happen? Think again! Get inspired by these before-and-after photos of Chicago-area room transformations done for less than \$1,000, and find out their secrets to stretching those design dollars as far as they can go.

Photos courtesy of Benjamin Moore

Jeffery Rice, Decor Designs Inc. in Crystal Lake

Goal: Simplify and unify this large, open family room.



The owners of this Crystal Lake home wanted a new look for their family room. The job consisted of interior painting, woodwork, new lighting and redesign. The homeowners saved money by using their existing furniture and accessories, and completing a large portion of the work themselves.



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Paint	\$575
(Sherwin-Williams ProMar 200 in Artisan Tan, Irish Cream and Bittersweet Stem on the walls. Sherwin-Williams ProClassic in Extra White on the trim)	
Woodwork	\$50
(Millwork provided by Alexander Lumber Co. in Crystal Lake)	
Lighting	\$145
(Harbor Breeze 71-inch Twin Breeze ceiling fan from Lowe's)	
Redesign fees	\$215
TOTAL	\$985