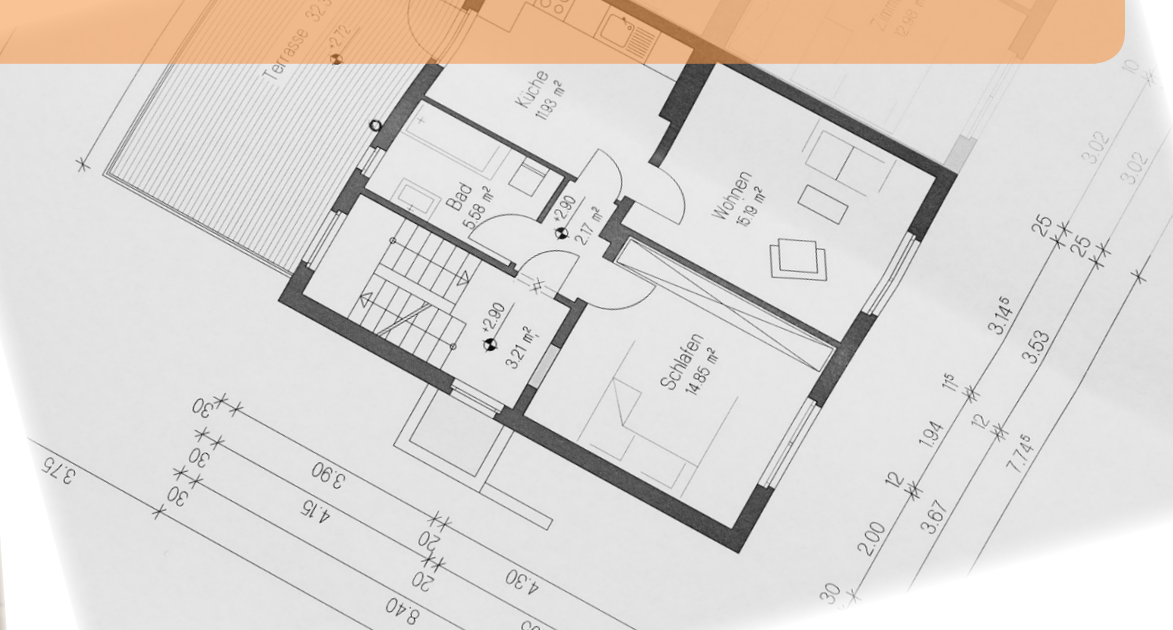




# DIY Home Improvements: The Ultimate Pinterest Guide



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# DIY HOME DECORATING DIY HOME DECORATING

It's your home. Decorate it how you want, when you want and with the materials (and money) you want! Whether it's the outside color of the house or the wallpaper and paneling you choose, your DIY home decorating is up to you. Here are a few ideas to get you started.



# DIY HOME DECORATING

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This [homemade pallet sign](#) is a great (green) DIY home improvement. You could either reuse an old pallet instead of sending it to the landfill or a fire, or you can use extra wood to make it look like an old pallet. Either way, you get to give your living room a fresh décor you probably won't see anywhere else.

You can also use this decoration as a launching point for the rest of your home décor. For instance, the rest of the room where this pallet sign is displayed makes you feel like you're at a beach condo. You can do the same thing with your house.

With that said, this DIY pallet design seems easy enough to do either way you attack it. One way: find a clean pallet you could recycle. Clean it up and paint it how you want, with the quote you want. Or if that's not possible, you could follow the tips on the website where the idea came from (available on the link above), and create your own "old pallet."

Either way it'll take a bit of work, but it's a great decorating design idea to make your house feel like a beach side bungalow.

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A mudroom can be the first impression to a visitor. Having a clean entry to our home is something many of us would love. Check out this stylish and functional way to [organize your entryway](#) or mudroom. The wicker baskets are a good touch. Not only is it easy on the eyes, you can always replace old baskets with new colors. Plus there's a place to sit down to put on your shoes!

The hooks for bags, purses and jackets are great, too. Instead of setting bags down and cluttering the floor (and getting dirty in the winter or rainy days), they're up on the wall and easily accessible.

Look over on the left, too. It's a modern addition to the mudroom. How many times have you left your phone on the charger and walked out of the house without it? Instead, your phone could always be available on your way out the door so you never forget it.

Much of this mudroom can be done with a DIY home improvement weekend and run to your favorite home decorating store.





# DIY HOME DECORATING DIY HOME DECORATING



Adding a bit of color to a room is an easy DIY home improvement to help make your house feel like a new home.

Another great way to spruce up your bedroom décor is the use of small mirrors on the wall above the headboard. It gives the room a fun feel and helps brighten it up a bit with light reflection.

In a smaller bedroom where space is limited, space-saving ideas like a corner shelf can help a ton.

The shelf above the dresser also adds some decorative space to this room, with simple plants up there. The whole design looks modern and tasteful.

A DIY home improvement bedroom kit is usually available at most home décor stores and easy to do in a weekend.

# DIY BATHROOM REMODEL

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The restroom. Bathroom. Throne room. The “office.”

Whatever you call it, the bathroom can be a place where you really showcase your tastes.

Are you a beach bathroom fan? Is it a child-friendly place? Maybe it’s full of inspirational quotes!





# DIY BATHROOM REMODEL

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Here's a great [bathroom remodel design idea](#) that looks at once retro and modern. The reflective surface of the tub really shows off the checkerboard floor and seems to add color to the room, using the rooms own color.

The homeowner makes this bathroom feel fun and hip with a checkerboard wall and floor. It's a very cool-feeling color palette using the soft blues and greens.



The sink up in the right corner is also very cool and modern-feeling. It's a great addition to this bathroom remodel.

A new bathroom floor may need a little more help than a simple DIY weekend, but you could start with the reflective tub and see how that affects your home décor!



# DIY BATHROOM REMODEL

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Whether it's space saving or just a taste issue, simple is often best. This [bathroom remodel](#) design idea shows how to save space and keep design simple but pleasing. Using neutral paint is often the best choice when space is limited. Too busy or bold and the bathroom may feel cramped and you can't get away from the ugly.

In this DIY project, finding the right sink and cabinet is key. As you can see, this one has a classic feel - but not old. The fixtures give it a modern feel, so that helps. Plus the mirror above it looks distinguished and simple.

In order to help give your bathroom a unique look, you could angle the floor tile to give the flow of the room a nice change from the standard perpendicular and parallel feel.

Whether it's a small bathroom or a half-bath in your house, it's a good idea to find a nice, simple DIY remodeling design to keep your home looking nice.



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Would you like a [purple bathroom](#) in your house like this one? Do you have another color you'd love to see that might be a bit "controversial" or unconventional?

A purple bathroom isn't for everyone obviously, but this one seems mellow enough that even a husband wouldn't be too offended if his wife wanted it.

For the DIY home improvement list that includes the bathroom, starting with paint is typically pretty easy. Changing the paint changes the look dramatically, and having a theme like this can turn a blah-bathroom into a shining sanctuary!



# DIY BEDROOM DECOR DIY BEDROOM DECOR



Your bedroom is your safe haven. A comfortable bed, a great place to sit and read and your clothes all organized and nice. Or it's a mess and that's the way you like it. Check out these DIY bedroom décor ideas.

# DIY BEDROOM DECOR

Forget the kids – this bedroom would be fun for adults! But okay, let's focus on this [cool kids room](#) and how it works for children. The loft bed and bright colors are a great design "hack" from GeekDad and an Ikea bed. In other words, something you do as a DIY weekend project.

What kid doesn't dream of a loft bed or bunk beds? The great thing in this bedroom design is there's no fighting over the top bunk. Here, both beds are "top bunk."



Using bright, fun colors turns any boring room into something fun. That can be definitely be said about this bedroom.

With the beds up there near the ceiling, the floor space is open for anything you want. You could install a desk, storage units, a dresser and decorative shelving.

It's a great design idea and the "instructions" are in the [original article](#).



# DIY BEDROOM DECOR

Here's something perfect for the tree-hugger in your family: a [birch tree bedroom design](#). This unique bedroom remodel gives the room a feel of the outdoors.

Using a bright white for the paint gives the room a bright feel. The beige and light-colored bedding also helps. It's good the designer didn't over-use the tree motif, too. Making the end tables trees would be way too much.

Do you like unique designs like this? Would you use nature as inspiration in your bedroom? Or do you think using trees inside just seems weird? We do wonder if these are real trees and how they would be affected by being indoors. You obviously don't water them, but are they rotting? Would you need to replace it all in a year? What about the insects that might live in them? Or is it all realistic looking faux wood?

Making a statement with your home décor and fashion not only sends a message, but it makes us feel like we're unique – which we all are.



# DIY BEDROOM DECOR



Do your kids want to play soccer in the house and won't take no for an answer? Here's how you can give them what they want and not break your grandma's heirloom plate on your mantle.

Check out this [cool kids room](#) design: indoor soccer! Painting the floor the color of perfect green grass is just the start. Turning a bunk bed - or loft bed - into the soccer net is a great idea to go with this DIY room remodel.

We just hope the ball is soft like a pillow - or that there's nothing on the walls it can knock off!



# DIY STORAGE

Bicycles. Boxes. Tools. Old clothes. Random records, cassette tapes and CDs...where do you store all of your stuff in your home?

From the pantry to the garage to the attic, check out these great DIY storage ideas.



# DIY STORAGE



This card catalog project is one of the coolest Pinterest DIY home improvement ideas we've seen out there. Not only does it turn something we all probably consider boring into something new...it also helps get our friends talking!

You can turn an old card catalog into a [wine holder](#). Not only will people think you're book smart because of the library accessory, but once they see the wine you'll be labeled as creative!

Turning old things into new, re-purposed household items is becoming a hot-ticket item in today's housing market. In fact, you can find a lot of blogs out there right now that offer ideas on recycling old stuff into new.

Now, contact your local library to see if they want to get rid of an old card catalog, and impress your friends!

# DIY STORAGE

Did you grow up with doll houses? Maybe your mom had one in the basement she always wanted to restore and display. Or maybe you had one as a child. Those old doll houses are perfect for laundry room storage. No kidding!

Using an [old doll house for storage](#) is a great way to recycle childhood memories. In fact, recycling is a great way to have home improvements done at an affordable price. Of it also helps because these old items often look cool as you re-use them in new ways.

As you can see in this photo, you can attach the doll house to the wall, put supports under it and use it for storing all kinds of laundry supplies. This project could definitely be done by a DIY expert such as yourself in a weekend.





# DIY STORAGE



Do you have a place to hang jeans, robes, dresses or sheets to dry on laundry day? What about a place to hang long coats in the winter to dry?

Here's a DIY home improvement project that helps solve the problem of hanging long items of clothing to dry. Take an old ladder about to be trashed and make it a [place to air-dry jeans](#).

Find a ladder you don't use anymore – wood ladders work best. You'll need to sand the wood to get the old paint off. Repaint the ladder a color to match your home. You may want to consider adding a clear coat to protect the paint from the hangers you'll put on it.

Next you'll want to connect the ladder to supports in your ceiling. Drill into the wood and hang hooks, then attach decorative chain to the ladder. Test it with a load of dry jeans before you hang wet clothes on it!

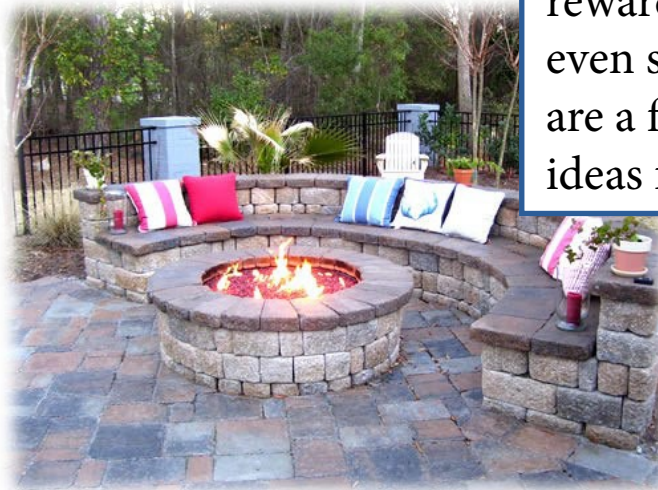
Using an old ladder about to be thrown away in a new way is cool - and environmentally friendly! This old ladder, with some paint and a bit of TLC, turned into a very cool place to hang clothes.

# DIY LANDSCAPING



Nothing smells quite as nice on a summer evening than freshly cut grass. Except maybe a beautiful and aromatic flower bed.

Taking care of your own landscaping can be rewarding. Some people even say it's relaxing. Here are a few DIY landscaping ideas for your home.





# DIY LANDSCAPING

A beautiful, serene backyard can make almost any hectic day wash away into memory. This [beautiful backyard](#) is a pretty simple DIY project just about any homeowner could do. The swing and the flowers around the setting are great to help foster relaxation.

Start with the deck. If you don't have a deck, any area in your backyard could work: patio, porch or just the yard. Of course it does help to have a flowering tree already growing, but your area doesn't have to be exactly like this picture.

Hang a swing – or get a free-standing swing - and surround it with potted flowers. This will help create a comfortable and relaxing place to decompress after a long day (or a long week!)

This picture definitely brings to mind a relaxing Sunday afternoon on the deck with a slight breeze, the smell of the flowers, a good book and a glass of wine.





# DIY LANDSCAPING



A [great deck](#) can make your house a place you never want to leave. Of course the danger is that your family or neighbors might also feel the same way...

This is one home improvement that not only adds value, but adds a great feel to your house. Some houses are designed with a deck in mind. Most are not. This deck design here is obviously an add-on, and it's a beautiful addition.

The trellis beams here act like a roof, providing some relief from the sun while not blocking it out completely. Another great feature here is the landscaping. Flowers, plants and a nice yard can make a big difference when you're sitting back there with a cold beer (ginger ale, lemonade) and a good book.

The only thing that might be nice to add is a sliding glass door rather than a hinged door. Sliders always look better on a deck, and it's possible to roll the cost of that into the build when you're using a home improvement loan like the [FHA 203k](#). But not every home gets a slider!

# DIY LANDSCAPING



A [backyard fire pit](#) may be the perfect home improvement for anyone who wants to bring a bit of the camping experience home. Imagine roasting marshmallows and making s'mores at the drop of a hat.

The bench around the fire pit is great with the pillows. You could always bring extra chairs if your evening plans include a party. But this way, you're always able to sit down and enjoy the fire.

Is this something you could do as a DIY home improvement project? Much of this work could be done by the average homeowner. However, if you're not comfortable with stone work, hiring a professional for some of the work may be in order.



# DIY KITCHEN SPACES

The kitchen. It's where we gather with friends. It's where we bond with our family. It's where the food is! Make your kitchen your own with these DIY kitchen design ideas.





# DIY KITCHEN SPACES



This [unique river sink](#) would be a great addition to your kitchen remodel. While it may not be for every DIY homeowner, it's at least an idea. The unique design would add such a cool look to your new kitchen.

Besides the cool look, it's a great way to make a house party more interesting. In the other picture here you can see how they filled the sink with ice and put wine and fruit in it. You could make that soda of course too.

Turning the river sink into a center of conversation makes sense - we tend to gather in the kitchen anyway! The maker of this sink - Elkay - has a ton of products for the kitchen remodel, the bathroom upgrade and more. It's a pretty deep catalog of items.



# DIY KITCHEN SPACES



A great pantry can cause you to fall in love again...with your kitchen. Take a look at this DIY design to [organize your kitchen pantry](#).

The upside down goblet holder is a great way to store them. This keeps the dust out of the glasses and keeps them out of the way of your more used glass wear.

There's a tall shelf for water bottles. With as many water bottles as we go through in today's society, this is genius in its simplicity.

Notice the pull-out storage for towels and linens on the left side of the pantry – helping to keep it all organized while allowing you to pick the right towel or placemat without having to dig through all of them.

The spice rack in the middle is great too because you can see each spice without having to take all of them out of the cupboard and clutter your counter. They're all just there in plain sight. The key to this storage pantry is the adjustable shelves. Each shelf can hold exactly what you want, instead of having to settle for "just enough" space for the stuff you have.



# DIY KITCHEN SPACES

An open and inviting kitchen plan is great for families who gather in the kitchen. Remodeling to make it happen on a budget is even greater! This [kitchen remodeling](#) idea came from a site boasting a price tag of under \$5,000. Even if this home improvement project is "on the cheap," it still looks good.

Adding glass doors to your cabinets helps give your kitchen an open feel, adding to the open floor plan. In this DIY kitchen remodel, the homeowner also used upside-down baseboard trim topped with chunky crown molding to dress up the top of the cabinets and walls.

Adding a cart on wheels instead of a permanent island can offer flexible work space and extra storage that's movable when needed. Total cost (excluding labor) for this kitchen remodel was reportedly about \$2,500.

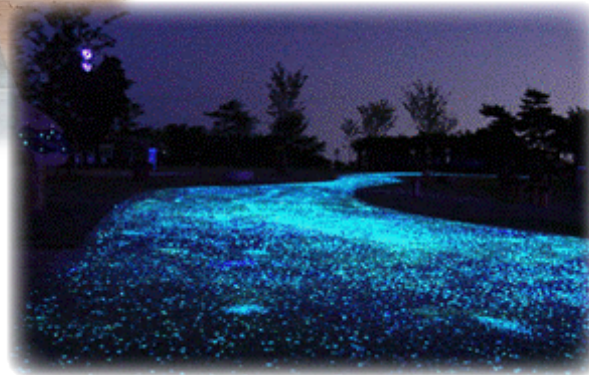




# DIY RANDOMNESS



Sometimes a DIY project doesn't fit into a nice, neat, labeled box. Kind of like your style! We've gathered some DIY randomness in this section for you. Enjoy!



# DIY RANDOMNESS

Using old wood like you see in this [DIY herb garden](#) is a great use of recyclable trash, and it gives your herb garden a vintage look. It's a very popular design right now.

Design and build an herb garden for your house. It's the perfect DIY home improvement to add flavor to your life (couldn't resist that pun!)

First you'll notice that it's in a small space. If your home (or apartment) has a small area like this that you never use, you could turn it into your own personal herb garden.

The step design is not only a good look, but it's functional. You'll need to reach the upper herbs, and this design really helps you make the climb.

This project could be done by most homeowners with a little DIY prowess, and maybe some friends willing to help out!





# DIY RANDOMNESS



Solar powered lights all along a driveway seems to be a popular home addition. Running electric lines and installing lamps is pricey and difficult. How about skipping both options in favor of this [glow in the dark driveway](#)? Of course, you don't have the option to turn it off, which might annoy some neighbors...

The driveway pictured here has special fake stones mixed with real gravel. According to the website, Glowstone is a synthetic aggregate that glows after sitting in the sun all day.

It's like the old glow-in-the-dark stickers. The company also has glow in the dark paint and other cool toys. But this driveway is just so unique, we had to share.

What do you think? Would you like a driveway that glows (it'd be the easiest way to direct evening visitors)? Would your neighbors be annoyed?

# DIY RANDOMNESS

Another great DIY home improvement project: hang an [outdoor chair inside](#) to add a little fun to any room. In this dining room, the hanging chair makes a meal feel like a picnic.

These hanging chairs are great for a little reading time. Add a cool pillow and funky blanket like this photo and you have a modern, comfortable feel.

Make sure you're attaching the hook to a solid support in your ceiling. You wouldn't want this hanging seat to fall when you down in it to relax.

Home improvements don't have to be week-long projects or expensive ventures. DIY home improvements like this hanging chair can spruce up a home nicely.





# DIY RANDOMNESS



This has to be one of the coolest housing designs ever: a "[hidden room](#)." This photo shows how the homeowner turned a split-level home into a spy house! The stairs you see on the left lift up to reveal the lower level.

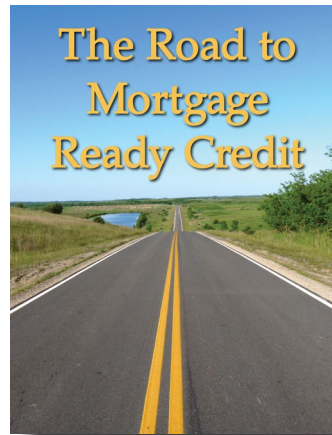
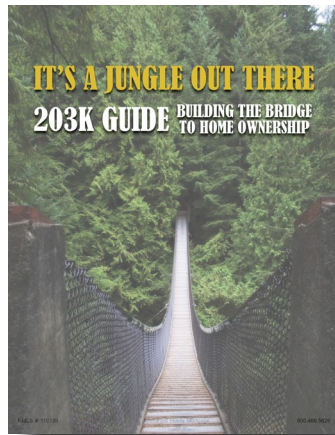
The website this photo came from offers practical storage ideas for stairs also, plus some other cool ideas. But this hidden room has to be the coolest.

The question is: do you have to design this in the original plans for the house or can you add this home improvement to a home?

We're no architect or building firm, but we'd imagine it's doable as an addition. It may be difficult, but if there's structural work you could finance it with the Full FHA 203k home improvement loan. If it's not structural, then the 203k Streamline could work. Either way, this has to be the coolest design ever.

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