

**DESIGNER FYI:**  
**Refreshing your home**



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Refreshing — or updating — your home is a national trend. However, if you can't (or don't) want to undertake a big remodel, or if a refurbish doesn't fit into your budget, you can consider a

"re-décor." Re-décor is a new term for refreshing your home, making it feel lighter, brighter and bigger. This can include moving furniture around, rethinking how you use different furniture pieces or removing items from a room in order to simplify it. Sometimes just adding a little color, new window coverings or a few new pillows really can make an impact.

Experts are cropping up all over in this innovative new business. Don't confuse re-décor with home "staging" (where a home is updated and freshened just prior to the owner selling it). Re-décor is more for the person who thinks their space is tired and who has no idea where to start, or for a space that needs a mini-makeover, or even for those who have bought a new home and don't

have much left in their budget for improvements. Think of it as "after-staging."

Re-décor consultants are dedicated to helping you see your home in a new way by refreshing what you already have, or by adding a few well-chosen items. They will provide you with a comprehensive plan that allows you to do the work yourself, or will give you further help and guidance as needed.

Many of these consultants also will go along with you as a personal shopper, helping to steer you toward the right sizes, styles and colors for your space design. If you are too busy to get bids for any work you require, re-décor consultants also can do that and oversee any contractor projects. Whether it is just rearranging the furniture, rehang your pictures or art, reframing the family photos, or arranging the fireplace mantle or kitchen counters, a re-décor consultant can pull it all together for you.

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