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200 stylish ways to decorate without spending a lot of money. Decorating interiors can seem an impossible task when working with a less-than-ideal budget. A small space offers greater challenges and in the case of a one-room apartment or studio, it is essential that the design address the living space in its entirety. The design needs to be cohesive and flow from room to room. However, with ingenuity, creativity and a few tricks, you can decorate "on the cheap" and

create first-class results. Taking on a low-cost decorating project of any size involves strategic planning, practicality and initiative, but especially in a small space. Asking for estimates from manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, learning how to bargain, and repurposing furniture and accessories can reap substantial savings. Comparing prices and deciding what specific items to save on are essential considerations. And, it always helps to make compromises which can yield stylish results that reveal your personality: do you really need a new side table or do you have a favorite item that can work in its place? *Low Budget Tricks for Small Spaces* shows how to decorate from room to room using the same principles throughout. The book guides you through the process beginning with assessing needs and fixing a realistic, low-cost budget to finding accessories and adornments for less money. The 200 tips and tricks include: Creating an action plan Recognizing quality in low-cost materials and how to choose them Obtaining furniture on a low-cost budget How to decorate over time while maintaining a low-cost budget Dozens of ideas for minimal budget home makeovers Essential techniques, practical resources and other low-cost tips. A home that delivers personal style does not require a lot of money. *Low Budget Tricks for Small Spaces* shows how creativity and ingenuity can help to make a home welcoming, functional and stylish.

Increasing numbers of urban dwellers are living in homes that aren't large on space, but as two new books demonstrate, small can sometimes be incredibly big. The photo-filled paperbacks, both from Firefly Books, show that smaller homes can have a huge impact, both in function and in style. *Low Budget Tricks for Small Spaces* has 256 full-colour pages of creative design ideas for the space challenged. *Houses and Apartments Under 1,000 Square Feet* is also richly illustrated, in this case, with colour photographs of over 50 residences from around the world, the smallest being just 258 square feet. (Barbara Gunn Vancouver Sunday Province 2013-10-13) Beautifully laid out and easy to read (and) support the hypothesis that living micro can be stylish... The ingenious decor ideas some people use to make their itty bitty spaces feel like home are truly inspirational. (Sarah Kelsey Calgary Herald 2014-05-16) The book works as a design idea book, using full-color photographs of professionally designed interiors. (Protoview 2014-08-01) About the Author Montse Borrs is a freelance editor and translator based in Barcelona, Spain. She has worked for several publishing houses and written or edited many books on architecture, among them *150 Best Kitchen Ideas*, coauthored with Aitana Leonart; *City Lofts*; *Open Kitchens*; and *Lobby Designs*. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Introduction If you don't feel comfortable in your home and need to redecorate a space, or if you would simply like to give your home a new look and think that your budget is not big enough, the following pages contain 200 ideas that will provide you with inspiration for redecorating the interior of your home and for expressing your personality in your surroundings. By following these simple tips and playing with materials, colors, styles, accessories, lighting and other components, you can transform your home without having to spend a great deal of money. Carrying out a low-cost decorating project requires strategic planning, and, of course, time and patience. Some of the things you should consider before embarking on a project of this kind are: requesting quotes from different suppliers and shops, comparing prices to decide which features you can make savings on, recycling furniture and using leftover paint. Despite having to stick to a budget, the aim is to enjoy this experience without having to resort to hiring a professional. To help you achieve this, the book is structured around the main spaces of a house: kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, home offices, living rooms and passageways. Whatever environment you wish to decorate, there are a few basic rules that apply to any space. It is always best to keep areas clear, with just a few well-chosen decorative features. There is no need to invest in new features: you could renovate any vintage piece, taking advantage of the fact that vintage is in vogue right now, or reupholster a chair to give a corner a personal touch. To save money, you could always replace cupboards, which are among the most expensive pieces in a house, with curtains and rails, making use of an opening in a wall or creating one with a partition wall. Another fundamental element is color; this can totally transform the look of a space with minimal investment. Minimalist-style neutral tones help to create harmony and give plenty of light, although you can still use a more daring color for a specific point or apply vinyl paint to separate environments within a single space. In short, it is a question of prioritizing. It is not about wiping the slate clean, but rather eliminating superfluous features to decorate a space economically and efficiently. Most importantly, it is about converting a project into reality, while enjoying each step of the process.