


HIGH-END UPDATES ON A BUDGET

CREATE THE LOOK OF OPULENCE IN YOUR HOME
WITH A FEW CAREFULLY-SELECTED DETAILS.



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The average costs for kitchen remodel projects range from **\$18,527** for a minor remodel to more than **\$53,000**. However there is enormous opportunity to upgrade the appearance and experience of your kitchen – and bath – to create a distinctive look that's sure to catch the eye and spark conversation.

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

When a guest enters your home, their first impression is created by small details: a distinctive front door handle; the subtle elegance of brushed nickel pulls; or open shelving that displays treasured flea-market finds. Upgrades to just the following three areas of your home can make a big impact on a small budget.

Cabinets

Dreaming of crystal knobs or pulls? Consider acrylic, which can be a stunning substitute at a much lower price-point.

Depending on the number of drawers you have, pulls can add up quickly. Instead, find a knob style that you love and use it for the cabinets and drawers.

Be selective. Add decorative hardware or other details to select focal points, such as an island or glass cabinet fronts, while allowing perimeter areas to remain more basic.

Replace a select few existing cabinets with matching glass-front or open shelves to create a open and contemporary look.

Less is more. When a home is free of clutter, the design can shine.

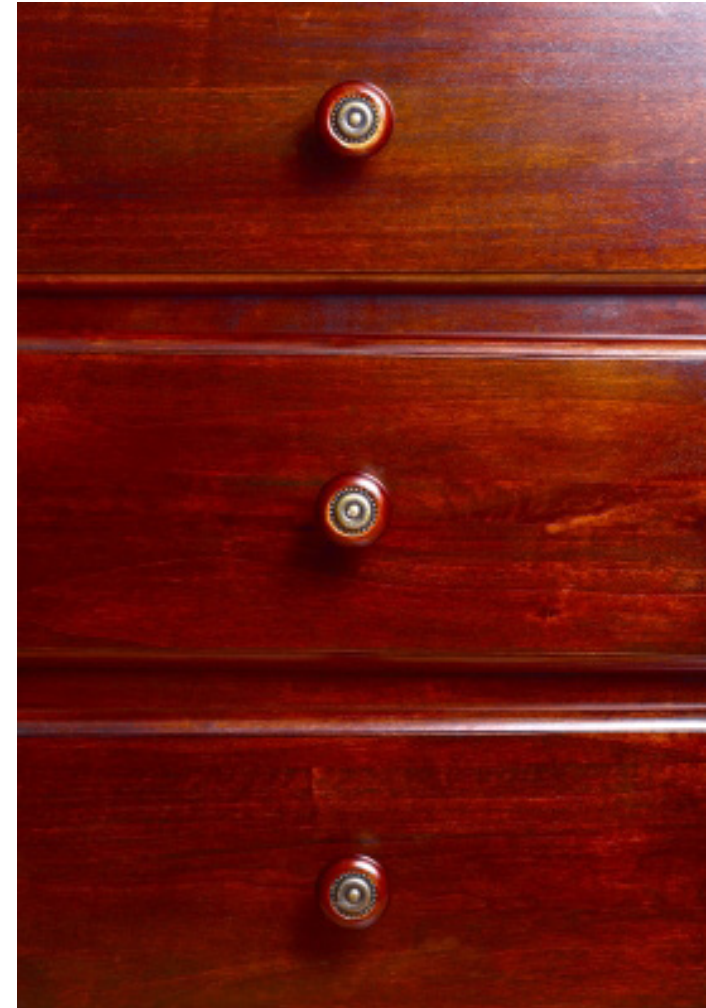


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Bath

Splurge on the most visible details like towel rings and tissue holders.

Too-large towel bars can emphasize the close confines of a small bath. Instead, choose distinctive hooks that reflect your style.

If possible, locate the children's' bath away from guest areas. This is an ideal place for inexpensive décor.

Doors

Consider the elements. Exterior doors should feature materials that hold up well to all kinds of weather. Crystal and glass aren't good choices as they will cloud and scratch – stick with metals instead.

Interior door hardware is a good place to save costs – the inexpensive products will function just fine. However, with the impacts of heavy use and weather on your locks, knobs and handles, high-quality external hardware will be worth the investment.

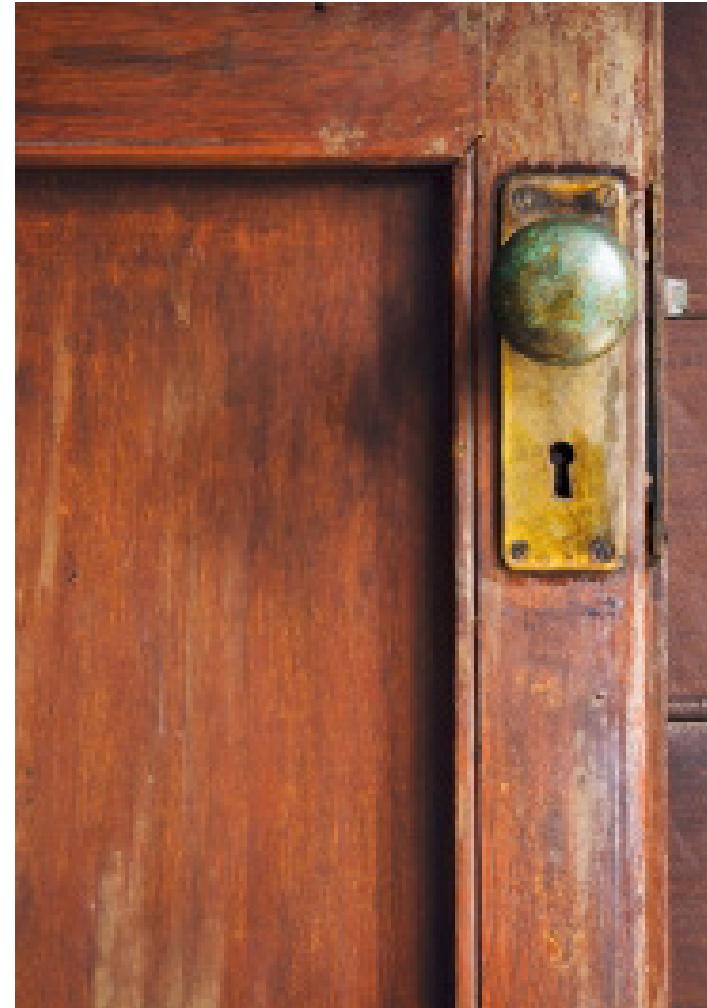


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Give Me Ideas!

Take a cue from some of these current high-end design trends:

Mix & Match: Combine textures and metals to create interest

A color palette of contrasting neutrals offers a rich, modern look

Introduce architectural details like crown molding, wainscoting, or detailed trim work to add rich depth to basic interiors

Create custom drawer pulls with painted designs, numerals, insignias or monograms

Use unexpected materials like rope, rubber, or crystal

Replace simple shelving with specialty storage like adjustable dividers, pull-out baskets, and built-in recycling bins.

Tips & Tricks

To ensure that new pulls and knobs match the existing holes, remove one of each type and take them with you when shopping.

Count how many pulls and knobs you have in your kitchen, and then add up the price per piece when shopping. It can add up fast!

Put your money where it's visible: the kitchen, powder room and entryway. Look for bargains in less visible areas like the laundry room or kids' play area.

Shop around. If you find a design that you love but can't afford, chances are that another company has a similar look for less.

What's your décor style?

Before you start shopping, do you know your personal design style? Is it the same as the your home's current style? (With a small budget, it's usually best to work with what you have rather than trying to make drastic changes to the overall feel of a space.) But even if you love stark modernism and you just moved into a classic 1970's fixer-upper, there are small steps you can take today to infuse your home with your high-end dream design. And it helps to "know thyself" first.

So, is your style:

- ☐ Modern? You crave clean lines, sleek minimalism, and neutral colors.
- ☐ Traditional? Symmetry and muted colors are your tools for creating a calm and orderly space.
- ☐ Country cottage? Flea markets and antique shows are your (not so) guilty pleasures, lending natural, rustic elements to your cozy home.
- ☐ Eclectic? Energy abounds as you integrate colors, patterns and textures into a cohesive and imaginative décor.



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