

# DIY HOME PROJECTS

*Six fast, easy + affordable ideas!*



Some projects are too complicated for homeowners to tackle safely on their own. Replacing a roof, putting on an addition, or overhauling a kitchen are big tasks. They require an abundance of knowledge and experience to do properly.

And yet, there are plenty of smaller or easily accessible projects that anyone can do, no matter what their skill level might be. Many of these can improve life in your living space or even save you a little money sprucing your home for a sale. When you do them yourself, they can quickly add value to your home, too.

Here are a few of the best DIY projects Texas homeowners can take on over a weekend. All you need for each one are a few essential tools, access to a home improvement store and your YouTube app handy.

## 1. GIVE YOUR HOME A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

Paint is ground zero for a fully optimized DIY project. [Painting](#) checks all of the home improvement boxes. It allows you to personalize your space in a significant way. It also can help you sell a home faster and can deliver a return on investment of [up to 150 percent](#).

The best part about this particular home improvement option is that it's cheap and easy. All you need is paint, brushes and rollers, some drop clothes, and a nice, peaceful chunk of time to give your space a fresh look.

## 2. RE-FINISH YOUR WOOD

Wooden floor upgrades are a home improvement project with a significant [return on investment](#). They can more than pay for themselves, and they instantly add a sense of clean, elite decor to any home.

While more complicated than painting, [refinishing wood floors](#) is another project that doesn't require much know-how. You can rent a sander at most home improvement stores (don't try to do a larger space with a hand-held unit, or you'll be busy for a long time).

Test any new stain colors on an inconspicuous area first, then carefully follow drying times and application instructions with your top coat.

## 3. INSTALL FAUCETS, LIGHT FIXTURES AND CEILING FANS

Both plumbing and electric work can be complex and dangerous activities. If you're doing anything significant in these areas, it's wise to work with a contractor.



With that said, there are a variety of small-scale lighting and water projects that are easy DIY upgrades. For instance, [installing a new faucet](#) in the bathroom or a kitchen sink only takes a handful of tools and an hour or two of your time. [Light fixtures](#), [outlets](#), and even [ceiling fans](#) are typically simple two-wire ordeals (although wiring things like larger switches can be a bit trickier).

#### 4. REFRESH KITCHEN CABINETS

Kitchen remodeling can be intense. Installing cabinets, measuring countertops, running plumbing and setting up certain appliances can leave you pulling your hair out.

Nevertheless, some projects are worth investing a little bit of personal elbow grease. Installing light fixtures and faucets are two of these options (see the previous recommendation). Refreshing your cabinets is another.

If you have dated wooden cabinets, you should [sand them down](#) and give them a fresh coat of stain or paint. If the exteriors are in good shape, simply [swapping hardware](#) can instantly upgrade the look and feel of one of your home's most important spaces.

#### 5. ADD A BACKSPLASH IN THE KITCHEN

A backsplash is one other easy, high-return kitchen project worth considering. It can provide an elegant, eye-catching decorative element in an area of the home that is focused on functionality.

[Real backsplashes](#) are technically DIY, but you'll want to make sure to get everything you need to cut tiles and mix mortar. Another option is to use peel-and-stick tile, which comes in many forms and can look real when applied correctly. However, Realtor.com warns [not to use cheap peel-and-stick](#) as a quick way to schmooze buyers since modern home buyers can spot the difference.

#### 6. REVAMP YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR

Curb appeal is a big deal, regardless of whether you're trying to sell your home or impress your friends. The good news is, upgrading your home's exterior is full of DIY opportunities, too, such as:

- Power washing your siding
- Adding gardens
- Installing pathways
- Setting up a fire pit
- Painting your front door

Planning in time to keep up on your home's exterior is a great DIY way to give your home an inviting vibe from the moment it comes into sight.

From painting walls and refinishing floors to installing fixtures, refreshing cabinets, adding backsplashes and upgrading curb appeal, there are many ways homeowners can personally invest in their properties. Take a look at your home and come up with a list of repairs you can handle as you invest in affordable activities to improve your living space.

