

# How to Freshen Up Your Bathroom

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Most of us go to the bathroom to freshen up, but there are a few easy tips you can use to freshen up the entire room. If your bathroom is getting a little boring, or you're just sick of how it looks, these tips will help you save money and help transform your bathroom into a calm oasis.

## Start small

Sometimes it is the little things that really make a difference. Put all of your typical bathroom clutter away and purchase a few small baskets. Roll up some hand towels or washcloths and place them in the basket. Purchase some scented

soaps or bath marbles and fill the other baskets with these. Place the baskets around the room for a spa treatment. Your bathroom will immediately feel bigger and more inviting.

## Increase the use of your space

You may not be able to increase the actual space in your bathroom, but you can increase the amount of usable space. First, let's talk about bathrooms without any linen closets or storage areas. It can be pretty frustrating to try to store all of the stuff you need every day without dealing with clutter. The best solution is to get either an over-the-door organizer, or a sturdy cabinet that will fit behind the toilet area.

## Move the hamper

If you're dealing with a very small space, adding a hamper will only hamper your movements. Try placing this in your

bedroom or even the laundry room. Make the trip to it with your dirty clothes as necessary. While hampers are great organizational tools, they can get in the way.

## Make it neutral

If all else fails and you've removed everything you can, adding a little light paint and light flooring will make the room feel a lot bigger. You won't feel as cramped. Adding the right lighting can also be of great assistance for making this small space seem bigger. Experiment with a few options until you find the right lighting for your bathroom.

We may not spend a lot of time in our bathrooms, but the time we do spend should be relaxing. These tips will help you get more use out of your space and help you feel a lot less cramped.

## Dealing with Mildew

**Bleach** is probably the best and easiest way to quickly get rid of existing mildew. While it does smell very strong, it will usually bust through even the worst patches of mildew and help keep the area very clean. This is a very effective method, but not everyone likes to deal with bleach.

**Antibacterial cleaners** or any household

cleaner that has an antibacterial element is usually very successful at cleaning up a mildew situation. Pine-Sol works wonders and there are a few other cleaners that can get the job done. You may also be able to find a special cleaner that is specifically made to address a mildew problem quickly.

**Now, let's go over what you shouldn't**

**use.** First and foremost, **steam cleaners** are pretty popular for areas that are exposed to a lot of water and humidity. However, when you hit a patch of mildew with a blast of steam, you are actually releasing all of those nasty little spores into the air. You don't want those in your lungs, and by spreading them around the room, you may actually make the mildew problem worse.

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