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I completely understand how it is to live on a budget. That doesn't mean that your place has to look like you're saving up or on a tight budget. The following TWENTY-FIVE under \$25 are easy DIY ideas and projects to change any room in your place or office.

- 1. Paint** (Home Depot \$12-\$15) - Painting your walls or adding an accent wall can go a long way. To make your room feel roomier reach for an off white with a hint of any color of your choosing. You can even repurpose and paint items that you already have to compliment the wall.
- 2. Picture Frames** (Dollar Tree \$1) - The cool thing about picture frames is you can spruce up a wall and add photos and/or hang your drawings. I've even seen kids coloring projects being put up to add some character and give the kids something to feel proud of.
- 3. Mirrors** (Dollar Tree \$1) - The same section the picture frames are in, you can find different types of framed mirrors. Not only to mirrors add depth to a room and make it feel more spacious, who doesn't like checking themselves out every once in a while?
- 4. Wall paper** (Amazon \$5-\$15) – The cool thing about wall paper is that you don't have to cover a whole wall, you can make a square over the main sitting area or above the fireplace and make that the focal point of the room. You can even find scrap pieces of wood and frame the wall paper.
- 5. Foldable storage cubes** – (Dollar Tree \$2) – These are great! I use them for shoes, dog toys, kids toys, papers, and just about anything that has yet to find a space. I label these and put them on the top shelf of a closet for easy storage and quick finding.
- 6. Plants** (Dollar Tree \$2) – This place has pots for \$1 and seeds for .50 cents. Grow your own plants and easily draw attention to any space.
- 7. Random items** (Thrift store \$1-\$10) - A simple item can go a on a bookshelf or a one-of-a-kind piece can add to a discussion. I've ran into some pretty cool pieces at thrift stores.
- 8. Mason Jars** (Dollar Tree \$1) - You can do anything with a mason jar from organizing a pantry or spice rack, planting flowers, painting them, give them as gifts, etc. There are no limits to what you can do with mason jars.
- 9. Thumb Tac Art** (Dollar Tree \$8) - All you need is a board of any kind that thumb-tacs will stick to, thumb-tacs and string. Draw out what you want and just be creative. Easy to do. Use your imagination.
- 10. Table Runner** (Target \$10) - A simple table runner or table cover will make a huge difference. This also avoids staining tables and scratches or hides scratches.
- 11. Toilet light** (Amazon \$13) – Believe it or not, these are so worth it. They are motion activated and not only help when you got to go at night, but people seem to love these. I promise it sparks a conversation every single time.
- 12. Pallet art** (FREE) – Find a pallet or random pieces of wood and go to a store that has paint (i.e. Home Depot). They give free samples of paint. Use the paint for the pallets Easy and free. In the Denver area, I always see pallets just laying around.
- 13. Curtains** (Amazon \$15) – The amount of times I've walked into a place and there are no curtains. Curtains make a difference and can help save money on electricity bills. You don't even need a curtain rod. Just use some string or twine and thumb-tacs. So easy to do.
- 14. Light strings** (Amazon \$10) – You can place these anywhere. I've seen them placed on the floor behind a bed and the unmistakable difference they make is unreal.
- 15. Bungee cords** (Dollar Tree \$1) – Bungee cords have saved my life! From organizing to safety, these things are great to have around. Stay tuned for this weekends' projects using bungee cords.

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