

10 EASY & INEXPENSIVE KITCHEN REFRESH IDEAS

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The Heart Of The Home



No doubt the kitchen is the heart of the home. We tend to spend a lot of our time in there. But eventually, every beautiful kitchen will start to show signs of wear and tear, and will require a remodel to make it look and function better.

But what if a kitchen remodel is not in the budget this year? What are your options? You may be pleasantly surprised to know that you can delay a major remodel but still do some improvements to freshen up the look and feel of your kitchen. What if I tell you that a kitchen refresh can be done relatively inexpensively? It can! It requires careful planning, and a little guidance from an interior design professional. Not only will you be saving big bucks, but you will also save the time, energy and disruption to your home and routines.

Pay close attention to these 10 Easy and Inexpensive Kitchen Refresh Ideas.

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Add smaller box cabinets and trim out the top of upper cabinets that are less than 42" high. Moldings can go a long way to giving you that custom look



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Paint cabinets to give them a fresh crisp look. White or gray are great choices that will work with most décor and color palettes



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Reface cabinets. If your cabinets are sturdy and in good condition, replacing the doors will be a more cost-effective option than replacing all the cabinets entirely



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Consider removing some of the upper cabinets and install open shelves. You might also consider removing the doors from a few, and add glass doors or doors with a unique insert (laser cut wood comes to mind). One more thing you can do is keep the doors off entirely and paint the back of the shelves an accent color, or add a textured or patterned wallpaper to create a focal point.



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Change out the countertops. A good contractor can remove old countertops and add new ones without damaging the cabinets. These days there are many options besides granite for great looking, solid and durable countertops. Cambria is one of the more popular options these days, and one of my favorite countertop materials.



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Install a plate rack. It is a great way to add extra storage and display pretty dishes. Extra storage in general is always a plus to improve the function and flow of a kitchen.



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Add a new backsplash. Subway tiles are all the rage now, and there is good reason for that. They are timeless and classic and work with any style kitchen.



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Add under-cabinet lighting, and lighting in general. A great looking set of pendants is a wonderful way to update the look and feel of the space.



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Add hardware to cabinetry. Think of them as jewelry to a well put together outfit. It gives that final touch and a more finished look to the kitchen overall



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Change the flooring. Kitchen flooring that is consistent with the rest of an open plan living space, makes for a more cohesive feel, and makes the space feel more open. One great option is porcelain tiles that look like hardwood.

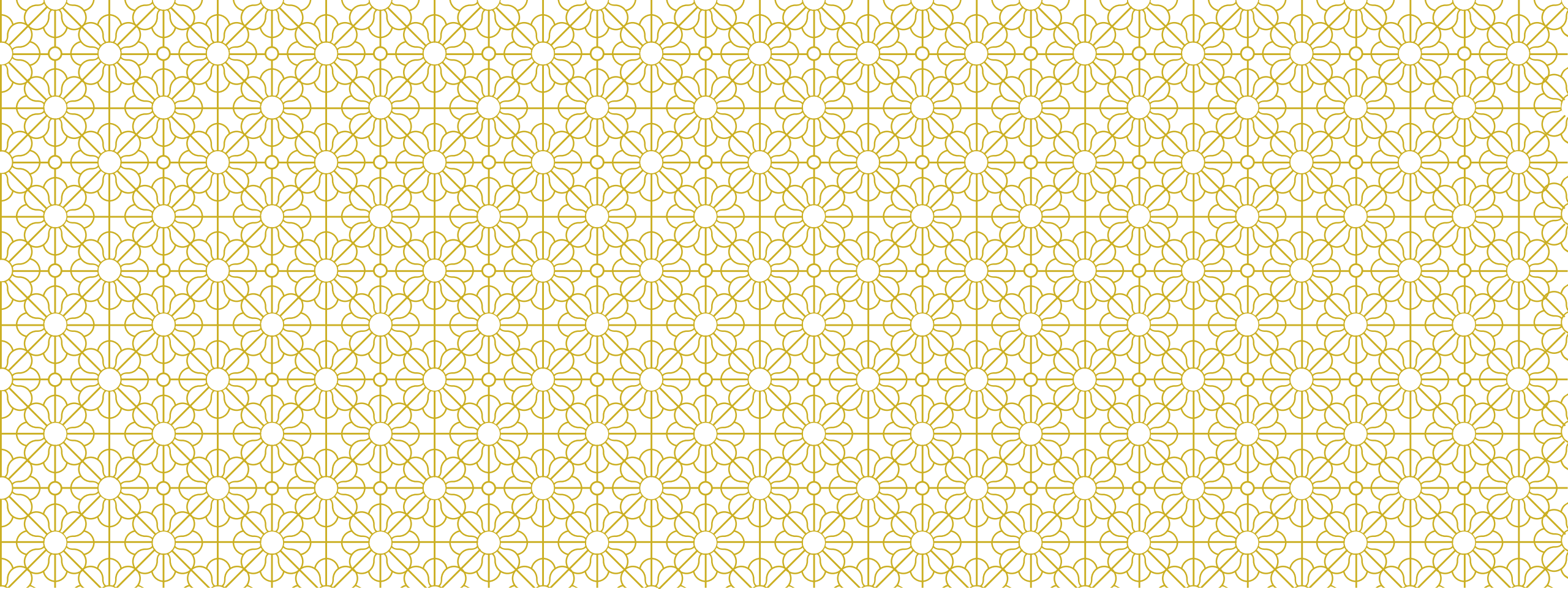


Planning, and even dreaming a little is a great way to get your ideas out of your head and on paper. Create a board like the one below using Polyvore or Olioboard. Pin pictures of kitchens you love on Pinterest. But don't stay in planning mode for too long. It helps to have an interior designer out for a consultation to see what your options are for your kitchen remodel. Show him/her all your ideas, and openly discuss your budget and expectations. Don't stay stuck or overwhelmed. Having a solid plan is a great way to start. So whether a refresh is all you need or can afford for now, or a full scale kitchen redo is in your near future, an interior designer can put you on the right path to your dream kitchen.

We would love to be your interior designer of choice. Contact us today for an informative in-home consultation



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