

# 5 Tips To Re-Decorate Your Kitchen For Less

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*Favorite Yellow Kitchens - This Old House*

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Redecorating a kitchen doesn't have to be expensive as long as you have a specific budget in mind. What would you like to fix? Have you ever thought of repainting the cabinets? Believe it or not, repainting is one of the most cost-

effective ways of bringing a kitchen to life. The whole process is not really complicated if you hire a contractor, and although it can be rather challenging if you choose to repaint yourself, the end result will certainly exceed your expectations. Prior to getting started, there are some things to clear out such as: choosing the paint and the color, selecting a style (minimalist, vintage, etc.) and setting up a budget to buy the paint.

## Vintage Colors For Kitchen Cabinets

A kitchen is usually made of lots of cabinets, counters, and electrical appliances. A traditional cooking space comes with a kitchen island and the basic color for the entire space is usually white. Americans love their white kitchens because they look spacious, clean, and orderly. Don't you think it's time to make a change? Aren't you sick and tired of all that white?

The [newest trend in redecorating kitchens](#) is to opt for vintage shades. These are usually inspired from the textures of different types of wood such as red oak, mahogany, or cherry. It's truly amazing what a pop of color can do to a space, and redecorating a kitchen by repainting cabinets is the cheapest, smartest way of making a visible change.



## ART DECO PERIOD



## Eau de Nil

French for "Water of the Nile", this soft light green colour was widely used in Art Deco bathrooms and kitchens.

## VICTORIAN PERIOD



## Tapestry Green

A pale muted green much used in tapestries during the 19th century. Frequently found in Victorian town houses.

## GEORGIAN &amp; REGENCY PERIOD



## Deep Adam Green

This colour takes its name from the work of the Adam brothers. Many great buildings show examples of their genius.

## ART DECO PERIOD



## Lincoln Green

This shade originated from mixing wood and soil, both vegetable dyes. A popular colour for leather upholstery in Art Deco furniture.

## ARTS &amp; CRAFTS MOVEMENT



## Soft Green

A vibrant found on the dinner service designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) for Tokyo's Grand Imperial Hotel.

## Ming Period



## Sung Blue

A delicate blue-green found on Long Chuan porcelain, which became a major export during the Sung period (960-1279).

## VICTORIAN PERIOD



## Winchester

This green was used in tapestries hanging in Winchester Cathedral. Winchester was the ancient capital of Wessex.

## Ming Period



## Moonstone Grey

Named after gems primarily found in Sri Lanka. This delicate grey/blue is widely used in Chinese porcelain and silk.

## ARTS &amp; CRAFTS MOVEMENT



## Porcelain Blue

A colour inspired by an Adelaide Group Robinson (1865-1925) porcelain vase.

## ARTS &amp; CRAFTS MOVEMENT



## Morris Blue

Inspired by a colour found in Morris wallpapers and fabrics. William Morris (1833-96) was a pioneer of the Arts and Crafts Movement.

## ART DECO PERIOD



## French Turquoise

This rich tone was extremely popular in Art Deco interior design. The combination of Oriental "pearls" blues and greens was widespread.

## RENAISSANCE PERIOD



## Saxe Blue

This historic colour originated in 1550 in the textile and allied trades. Commonly used in the Elizabethan period.

## GEORGIAN &amp; REGENCY PERIOD



## Swedish Blue

A soft powdery blue widely used in the 18th and 19th centuries, around the Baltic region.

## Pompadour



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Named after Madame de Pompadour, the famous courtier of Louis XV of France.

## ART DECO PERIOD



## Lido Blue

The Lido Cabaret in Paris was very fashionable in the 1920s with a décor inspired by Venice and its celebrated Lido beach.

## VICTORIAN PERIOD

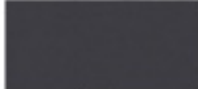


## Smalt

This strong blue colour was made by pulverising glass coloured with cobalt to a very fine powder.

## PRECIOUS METALS

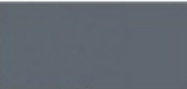
## ANCIENT WORLD PERIOD



## Pewter

First produced by the Romans in the 3rd century AD, only a few hundred pieces of Roman Pewter remain.

## Ming Period



## Zinc

A lustrous, bluish-white metal that has many applications. Zinc was known to the Chinese in 1400.

## ART DECO PERIOD



## Chromium

Deco designers such as Eileen Gray (1878-1956) favoured modern materials like chrome and aluminium to create timeless metal furniture.

## VICTORIAN PERIOD



## Grate Black

Grate Black emulates the appearance of Victorian cast iron stoves. Also a popular choice for ornamental railings.



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## Breathable Kitchen

How do you make a kitchen breathable? It's easy. First of all you get rid of the dark shades. Throw your black curtains to the garbage, and welcome natural light into your space. Keep things white because you can always add color using accessories. Your next step is to plant flower pots and herbs. Adorning your cooking space with home-grown wheatgrass, lavender, mint, basil, rosemary and numerous other types of herbs you can use in your recipes, is an excellent way of creating an airy environment on a budget.

## The Island – The Centrepiece Of Your Kitchen

Kitchen islands are extremely practical if you have a spacious cooking space. Unfortunately, because they're intensely used the color usually wears off really fast. Homeowners have specific requests when it comes to their islands, and they're usually linked to shape, material type, and color. Cooking all day long is great, yet it's equally important to invest in high-quality materials such as hardwood for example.

If however, you're not that fond with the way natural wood looks like, you can easily repaint your kitchen island. Don't forget that it's the centrepiece of your entire kitchen, so it must stand out. If the rest of your space is white, beige, or cream, doesn't be afraid to take a risk and paint your island in black for example. If you're feeling more daring, more opulent shades like fuchsia, red, purple, and yellow are equally recommended.

## Repainting Kitchen Cabinets

You don't need a big budget to repaint your kitchen cabinets. All you need is to find a competent contractor and the

right type of paint. Sometimes, everything your space needs is a splash of color to make it modern and vibrant again. If you don't have a big budget at your disposal you can repaint some of your cabinets. Take some time to look at your kitchen and analyse your cabinets. Which one is the most used? Which one is the oldest? Which one do you think is bringing your kitchen down?

[Cabinet painting is an excellent way of making your kitchen](#) look inspirational. Colour makes spaces look different when there's not enough money for a complete makeover, and that's ok. You'd be surprised how ingenious a kitchen can look if you combine the right shades and textures. Have you ever thought of refacing your cabinets? The technique is extremely easy to use; it involves placing a new surface over the outside parts of the cabinets. It's not messy but if you're not familiar with the term, hiring someone to do it might seem like an excellent idea.

### **Innovative Use Of Material - Stainless Steel**

Unlike hardwood, stainless steel is a lot more convenient. It's the type of material you can use to make your whole kitchen stand out. Use shelf-adhesive sheeting for the walls of your kitchen island, or slap up metal tiles to create a sleek backsplash. In combination with your appliances, the whole cooking space will look innovative, original, and unique.

Stainless steel influences in the kitchen are excellent for modern spaces. If you're a vintage freak you can always opt for wrought iron furniture pieces. They're really cheap! Invest in chairs, kitchen ware with an old-fashioned appeal, and art. It's amazing how much you can do with some basic ideas.

Paint has the power to change your kitchen's appeal entirely, and it's great that you don't need a big budget to make that happen. Whether you choose to hire someone to do the painting or you're feeling ready to try out a DIY project, always remember your goal: to make your kitchen look new, fresh, and welcoming for your guests and loved ones. Have you decided on a color yet? It's important to get informed prior to making a decision. Check out the web for some tips on how to choose the right paint, view some tutorials, and don't be shy to ask if you don't know what color to pick. A proper blend is extremely important if you want the end result to make you adore your new kitchen.





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The butler's pantry of a Colonial Revival house in Lattin-town, New York, is "a little green jewel box," designer Meg Braff says. Mahogany counters and unlacquered brass hardware gleam on cabinets painted Forest Moss by Benjamin Moore. Sage wall-paper, Brompton by Peter Fasano, adds textural interest. **OPPOSITE:** "The dining room walls are covered in a gorgeous green velvet," Braff says. "Everything looks amazing is here"—even perfume on an antique chair.



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