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INTERIOR DESIGN TIPS FROM JANE CHRUMKA, OF HARMONY RIDGE DESIGNS

There is always something you can do to make your home and interiors look better, or feel more comfortable. But it can seem like a daunting task. So, where do you start? Achieving the results you want begins with making a plan. Prepare by making a list of the areas you would like to change and how you would like to improve them, room by room.

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Create a budget for your interiors project — and stick to it. Alternatively, you might like to add 20% to the total, if possible, in case a 'must-have' item turns out to be a little pricier than you had anticipated.

Even if you decide to only make changes to one area, or room, always take the rest of the house into consideration, to ensure your décor is consistent.

And if you have always decorated with natural colours such as creams, beige, browns and taupe, why not consider introducing accent colours, soft or bright, into your home? It can make all the difference, adding a "wow" factor, that you will love.

Also, remember that accessories are perfect for completing the overall look. Take lighting into consideration, too, to ensure your updated interiors look their best.

By all means, set yourself a timescale for completion. It can be worth building in a little extra time, though, in case you decide on any changes along the way.

As a final tip, if you are short of time, or could benefit from the advice of an expert, why not enlist an experienced interior designer and colour consultant to help?

Further information about Jane and her company's services is available at www.harmonyridgedesigns.co.uk (0131 556 7171)

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