



Rent Like You Mean It is a series all about giving our rental spaces a new lease. We've rounded up a whole host of refreshing spruce-ups (and cover-ups), impactful DIYs (plus how to get them back to square one when you leave), and peeks at real-life rental transformations. Because a lease should never stop you from having a space that feels like yours—even if it's only for a year.

STYLE UP A SPLASHBACK

Bored with your plain bathroom? Give this important space a little love with a colorful tile makeover. These vinyl stickers are so easy to apply and look like the real thing. If looked after properly they can last for years but you can also remove them with a scraper without damaging the original tiles underneath.





STYLE UP A STRING LIGHTS Fairy lights add a little festive sparkle all year round and can

add a warm glow to rented spaces that may rely on ecofriendly but sometimes harsh halogen lights overhead. Go for indoor micro-festoons with globe caps and brass-coloured fittings for a trend-led look.

COLOR BLOCK PAINT

If you are allowed to paint walls why not go wild and break the mould? Painting shapes on a wall is a great way to up the stakes and highlight certain areas if you rent a studio apartment. This fabulous feature wall uses colours you wouldn't necessarily put together and is picked out with matching bed linen for a retro-cool finish.





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GO WITH GARLANDS

Get into the party spirit by decorating with paper garlands. They are a lightweight alternative to mounted wall art and can add a decorative element with minimal effort.



PUT UP A PINBOARD

Keep your mind organised and your walls pinhole-free with a noticeboard large enough for a busy schedule. A simple style will work in a hallway, kitchen or home office, or you can even use it to hang jewellery to organise your bedroom or as a focal point in a shared living space. If you want to go for a more sophisticated look, paint your board in the same colour as the walls.



With all of us spending more time in our homes than ever before, lacklustre decor can be a real downer in a rental property. But fear not, we've got some budget-friendly, portable ideas that won't damage the walls and shouldn't upset your landlord. Make the most of every inch and stamp your personality on your environment with these easy projects.

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