

# Your Home

Affordable, smart solutions and do-it-yourself projects for your household

## Cozy up under the covers

Make your bed more inviting this fall with plush accessories.

Design a look that's more interesting than a single cover topper by mixing quilts and blankets with different textures and patterns in complementary hues. You can add or shed layers until you find a temperature that's perfect for you. Finish the revamp with assorted pillows.

Butterfly Garden twin comforter set, Decree, \$80; jcp.com. Pillows, from left: \$20 (15") and \$17 (18" x 10"); at HomeGoods. \$30 (16"); at Pier 1 Imports.

Don't have a nightstand? Use a side chair instead.



### Editor's TIP

I couldn't find a nice rug for my entryway until I came across theperfectrug.com, an online-only store that lets you custom-create affordable floor coverings.

—Carole Nicksin edits home stories



### Store right

Hang brooms from the handle to ensure a long life, or stand them upside down. Resting the bristles on the floor can damage them.

### Clean the air

Turn on these eco-friendly lights for a more healthful home.

Replacing your incandescent bulbs with Ionic bulbs (\$20 for 2; newionicbulb.com) not only saves energy but also purifies the air. They give off a more natural-looking glow and have microchips that emit negative ions, which attach themselves to pollutants, like smoke, dust and pet dander, and quickly neutralize them. One bulb can cover an area up to 100 square feet. The result is cleaner air with the flip of a switch. Plus, these bulbs use 75 percent less energy than the conventional variety and last 10 times longer.

In just 5 MIN.



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Get in the Halloween spirit  
Jump-start the season with tips from readers.

“I always pull out my copy of *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. I love hearing about the sincere pumpkin patch!”

—Laura M. Oliver, 31, Chesapeake, Va.

“We go to a local apple orchard to pick out pumpkins, drink cider, eat doughnuts and enjoy the fall scenery.”

—Natalie E. Blasius, 33, Canton, Mich.

Tell us your favorite ways to create a more comfortable home. Write to us at [home@allyou.com](mailto:home@allyou.com).