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## Design in an Instant

One-day decorating services can transform your home using pieces you already have. Here's how it's done.

Joetta Molden helped homeowners redefine the purpose of their sunroom—changing it from a television room, top and bottom left, into a bright, functional home office, top and bottom right.

Maybe you don't have the time or the inclination to completely remodel or redecorate your home but you just know it needs a face lift: calling on a one-day decorating service may be just the thing. These services usually use pieces you already have in your home. Sometimes they will arrange to have a room repainted or re-carpeted, depending on your time and your budget.

Joetta Molden of Shelter Style in Houston, Texas, says, "Just because a room has one function today doesn't mean it can't take on another function in the future. Always try to maintain a consistent color palette so that furnishings can be interchangeable room to room." Joetta has lot of experience in quick makeovers because she also does photo styling for *Mountain Living* as well as *Country Living*, *Country Home*, and *Houston House & Home*.

Monica Durante, IADA, of Evergreen, Colorado, says, "First I send out a questionnaire to prospective clients to get an idea of how they see themselves and their life style. Then we sit and talk. On the day of the makeover, I clear out the entire room. I replace the large furnishings first, then start layering with lighting, fabrics and accessories."

Michele Diaphos of Design in a Day in Seattle, Washington, says, "People lose sight of the potential of their possessions. In so many cases, we're just showing them how terrific their things can look if they just display them in a new way. It changes the energy of their home." ▲

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