

## Making the world over, one show at a time

Led by — whom else? — Home and Garden Television, cable networks and PBS have dozens of shows on the air and on their drawing boards that make over homes or gardens. It's hard in such an expanding universe to be sure these are all of them, but it's fair to say these are most of them.

| Show                                 | Network          | How the show works   | Who does the work   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| <b>ONE ROOM</b>                      |                  |  |   |
| <b>Decorating Cents</b>              | HGTV             | Work costs no more than \$500; homeowners provide a workspace but never appear or speak.   | Host and guest designers                                      |
| <b>Design on a Dime</b>              | HGTV             | Work costs no more than \$1,000; homeowners appear at beginning and end, but don't participate in the work.  | Show personnel  |
| <b>Divine Design</b>                 | HGTV             | Candice Olson showcases Canadian flair in higher-end, more extensive design than many makeover shows   | Designer Olson and her crew                                   |
| <b>DIY to the Rescue</b>             | DIY              | Team swoops in to solve longstanding, hopeless do-it-yourself tasks. Show premieres fall/winter.   | Rescue squad of craftsmen                                     |
| <b>House Invaders</b>                | BBC America      | No money spent; designers borrow from rest of house  | Designers and carpenters                                      |
| <b>Room for Change</b>               | HGTV             | Real stars are computer-aided design, time-lapse photography   | Guest decorators  |
| <b>Sensible Chic</b>                 | HGTV             | Show visits a high-cost designed space, adapts the concepts for less, and explains how it was done.  | Designers, "sensible shoppers"                                |
| <b>ONE SPECIFIC ROOM</b>             |                  |  |   |
| <b>Kitchen Renovations</b>           | DIY              | Will combine multi-episode makeovers with smaller "48-hour" jobs. Premieres Sept. 29   | Consultant, contractor, homeowners                            |
| <b>Knock First</b>                   | ABC Family       | While parents get a night out, a teenager makes over his or her room. Debuts Oct. 6 with Greater Boston subjects.  | Teenager, pals, designer, and carpenters                      |
| <b>Make Room for Baby</b>            | Discovery Health | Workers rush in as expectant mom rushes to hospital, and work must be done before she gets home. Cameras follow not only the work crew, but the parents into the delivery room. Debuts Sept. 30. | Host, designer, carpenter, and family member or close friend. |
| <b>THE WHOLE HOUSE</b>               |                  |  |   |
| <b>Bob Vila's Home Again</b>         | TLC, syndicated  | An approximation of what Vila did as the first host of "This Old House."   | Show's construction crew                                      |
| <b>Debbie Travis's Painted House</b> | Oxygen           | A half-hour how-to show that's part confessional. Travel segments offer design inspiration.  | Travis, the homeowner, and a small crew                       |
| <b>Dream House</b>                   | HGTV             | Recounts home-building process from design through completion.   | Homeowner's contractor  |
| <b>Monster House</b>                 | Discovery        | The goal is to create occupants' version of "ultimate fantasy house" within 7 days.  | Contractors, designers  |
| <b>This Old House</b>                | PBS              | One house renovation per season, plus travelogues, factory field trips   | Show's construction crew                                      |
| <b>This Old House Classics</b>       | HGTV             | Reruns of the PBS series   | Show's construction crew                                      |
| <b>Designed to Sell</b>              | HGTV             | Prospective home sellers get \$2,000 and advice on using it to make their place more attractive to buyers. No premiere date set.   | Host and "team of experts"                                    |
| <b>HOUSE SWAPPERS</b>                |                  |  |   |
| <b>Changing Rooms</b>                | BBC America      | Brits were trading spaces before "Trading Spaces" was cool.  | Designers, carpenters, residents                              |
| <b>Trading Spaces</b>                | TLC              | Neighbors get \$1,000, 48 hours, and design and carpentry help to redo a room in each others' houses.  | Designers, carpenters, two-member teams                       |
| <b>Trading Spaces: Family</b>        | TLC              | Same rules as original "Trading Spaces," except expanded teams must include at least one member between 9 and 19.  | Designers, carpenters, up to four-member teams                |



Before and after views of a room on "House Invaders," a BBC America show in which the new look is achieved by taking from other parts of the house.

SOURCES: The networks

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| <b>COMPETITIONS</b>            |             |   |  |
| <b>Designers' Challenge</b>    | HGTV        | Homeowner chooses from among three room-design plans; selected plan is implemented.   | Winning designer                                   |
| <b>Ground Rules!</b>           | HGTV        | Local bragging rights at stake as neighbors compete to redesign, re-create their backyards.   | Neighbors, advised by designer                     |
| <b>Landscapers' Challenge</b>  | HGTV        | Homeowner chooses from among three landscape-design plans; plan chosen is then implemented.   | Winning designer                                   |
| <b>SURPRISES</b>               |             |   |  |
| <b>Facelift</b>                | Oxygen      | While everyone else is away, a room is redone with help from one family member.   | Designers, carpenters, and one resident            |
| <b>Ground Force</b>            | BBC America | British show in which homeowner nominated by friends/family is lured away, surprised upon return with backyard makeover. \$3,000 budget, 48 hours.                          | Show's landscaping team                            |
| <b>Ground Force America</b>    | BBC America | Identical to British show, apart from geography.  | Show's landscapers                                 |
| <b>Outer Spaces</b>            | HGTV        | One-half of a couple has outdoor wish fulfilled while away on pretext. Premieres Sept. 30.  | Homeowner, host, and workers                       |
| <b>Surprise by Design</b>      | Discovery   | The show performs one-day surprise makeover visits instigated by a resident's loved one. Spending is capped at \$2,500.   | Designers, friends and family of homeowner.        |
| <b>While You Were Out</b>      | TLC         | While a spouse is away, a room is redone.   | Designers, carpenters, spouse                      |
| <b>JUST LOOKING</b>            |             |   |  |
| <b>Before &amp; After</b>      | HGTV        | No work is done, but major renovation projects are followed over time, and then changes are detailed.   | Homeowner's contractor                             |
| <b>Building Character</b>      | HGTV        | Chronicles makeovers of commercial structures into homes.   | Homeowner's contractor                             |
| <b>Designing for the Sexes</b> | HGTV        | Designer works to resolve couple's design differences before work begins, and returns after it has been completed to see how he/she did. Viewers see no work done.          | Designer-host                                      |
| <b>Mission: Organization</b>   | HGTV        | Homeowner hires consultant to fight onrushing clutter; show comes along but only shoots events without getting involved.  | Organizational consultant and homeowner            |
| <b>Weekend Warriors</b>        | HGTV        | Profiles a do-it-yourselfer's process through one home-improvement project.   | Homeowners   |
| <b>OUTSIDE JOBS</b>            |             |   |  |
| <b>Curb Appeal</b>             | HGTV        | Homeowner hires helpers to gussy up home exterior to make it more saleable. "Virtual makeovers" offer further suggestions at end.   | Guest designers                                    |
| <b>Homefront in the Garden</b> | BBC America | British backyard makeovers combine architecture and horticulture without budget or time limit. Homeowner pays about \$32,500, but show kicks in \$50,000 to \$110,000 more. | "Homefront" horticulturalist Diarmuid Gavin (left) |



"Design on a Dime" depends on homeowners to push the paint.



Discovery Health's take on makeovers combines a room makeover with footage from the delivery room.



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