

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.



“Design on a Dime” depends on homeowners to push the paint.

Show	Network	How the show works	Who does the work
ONE ROOM			
Decorating Cents	HGTV	Work costs no more than \$500; homeowners provide a workspace but never appear or speak.	Host and guest designers
Design on a Dime	HGTV	Work costs no more than \$1,000; homeowners appear at beginning and end, but don't participate in the work.	Show personnel
Divine Design	HGTV	Candice Olson showcases Canadian flair in higher-end, more extensive design than many makeover shows	Designer Olson and her crew
DIY to the Rescue	DIY	Team swoops in to solve longstanding, hopeless do-it-yourself tasks. Show premieres fall/winter.	Rescue squad of craftsmen
House Invaders	BBC America	No money spent; designers borrow from rest of house	Designers and carpenters
Room for Change	HGTV	Real stars are computer-aided design, time-lapse photography	Guest decorators
Sensible Chic	HGTV	Show visits a high-cost designed space, adapts the concepts for less, and explains how it was done.	Designers, “sensible shoppers”
ONE SPECIFIC ROOM			
Kitchen Renovations	DIY	Will combine multi-episode makeovers with smaller “48-hour” jobs. Premieres Sept. 29	Consultant, contractor, homeowners
Knock First	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
Make Room for Baby	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.
THE WHOLE HOUSE			
Bob Vila's Home Again	TLC, syndicated	An approximation of what Vila did as the first host of “This Old House.”	Show's construction crew
Debbie Travis's Painted House	Oxygen	A half-hour how-to show that's part confessional. Travel segments offer design inspiration.	Travis, the homeowner, and a small crew
Dream House	HGTV	Recounts home-building process from design through completion.	Homeowner's contractor
Monster House	Discovery	The goal is to create occupants' version of “ultimate fantasy house” within 7 days.	Contractors, designers
This Old House	PBS	One house renovation per season, plus travelogues, factory field trips	Show's construction crew
This Old House Classics	HGTV	Reruns of the PBS series	Show's construction crew
Designed to Sell	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”
HOUSE SWAPPERS			
Changing Rooms	BBC America	Brits were trading spaces before “Trading Spaces” was cool.	Designers, carpenters, residents
Trading Spaces	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
Trading Spaces: Family	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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COMPETITIONS			
Designers' Challenge	HGTV	Homeowner chooses from among three room-design plans; selected plan is implemented.	Winning designer
Ground Rules!	HGTV	Local bragging rights at stake as neighbors compete to redesign, re-create their backyards.	Neighbors, advised by designer
Landscapers' Challenge	HGTV	Homeowner chooses from among three landscape-design plans; plan chosen is then implemented.	Winning designer
SURPRISES			
Facelift	Oxygen	While everyone else is away, a room is redone with help from one family member.	Designers, carpenters, and one resident
Ground Force	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
Ground Force America	BBC America	Identical to British show, apart from geography.	Show's landscapers
Outer Spaces	HGTV	One-half of a couple has outdoor wish fulfilled while away on pretext. Premieres Sept. 30.	Homeowner, host, and workers
Surprise by Design	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.
While You Were Out	TLC	While a spouse is away, a room is redone.	Designers, carpenters, spouse
JUST LOOKING			
Before & After	HGTV	No work is done, but major renovation projects are followed over time, and then changes are detailed.	Homeowner's contractor
Building Character	HGTV	Chronicles makeovers of commercial structures into homes.	Homeowner's contractor
Designing for the Sexes	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
Mission: Organization	HGTV	Homeowner hires consultant to fight onrushing clutter; show comes along but only shoots events without getting involved.	Organizational consultant and homeowner
Weekend Warriors	HGTV	Profiles a do-it-yourselfer's process through one home-improvement project.	Homeowners
OUTSIDE JOBS			
Curb Appeal	HGTV	Homeowner hires helpers to gussy up home exterior to make it more saleable. “Virtual makeovers” offer further suggestions at end.	Guest designers
Homefront in the Garden	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)



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



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