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Simple Changes for Your Bath

De-clutter - This sounds obvious, but it's true. If you're like most people you have a collection of products you no longer use; half empty bottles of shampoo, conditioner and hotel soaps. If you haven't used it in a month then toss it out.

Paint - A fresh coat of paint can brighten a tired looking room like nothing else. Since the bath is usually a relatively small space it's hard to go wrong. If you really hate the color when you're done just repaint.

Scent - Scent is powerful and transformative. It can bring back fond memories, help melt away the stresses of the day and transport us to a better place. Stick with scents that are light and fresh; lemon verbena, lavender and rosemary are all good choices. Buy the best quality scented candles, bath oil, potpourri or air essences you can afford. The better brands use pure essential oils, they cost more but the fragrances are truer and they last longer.

Towels. In the living room we tell people "invest in good upholstery". In the bath, "invest in good towels". If you've never had Egyptian cotton towels before you don't know what you've been missing. Good quality towels get softer with each laundering and will last for years. You'll thank yourself every time you use them.

Shower curtain. After the walls, the shower curtain is usually the largest block of color in the room. This is a good place to add a splash of color or pattern to the room. Custom shower curtains can be made with just a few yards of fabric. Add a contrast border for added interest. Outdoor fabrics are especially well suited for this purpose.

Mirror and sconces. This is a good place to update an otherwise dated looking space. Find a mirror with an interesting frame and add some good lighting. Bad lighting is a sure way to make a bath depressing; good lighting will brighten and open up a space. While you're at it, put the lights on a dimmer switch so you can adjust the light; bright light for hair and make up; soft light for a relaxing bath.

So as you can see, there are many simple changes you can make to transform your bath. Look through books and magazines for color and style inspiration and go from there. You'll be surprised at what big difference small changes can make.