



## HOW TO TRANSFORM YOUR KITCHEN ON A BUDGET

- With Spring just around the corner, many Brits will be taking the opportunity to refresh their kitchens for the new season, with 'Kitchen Inspo' amassing [over 50 million posts on TikTok](#)
- B&Q's Showrooms Director, **Tori Summers**, has shared her top tips on how to create a chic kitchen transformation in just one weekend
- From adding [antique brass cabinet handles](#) to installing [under cabinet lights](#), **Tori** has shared product recommendations for every home and every budget – starting from just £2.20
- Shoppers can even enjoy up to 20% off big kitchen & bathroom brands including Beko, Aqualisa and Grohe, all available in stores nationwide and online at [www.diy.com](http://www.diy.com)

**FEBRUARY 2025:** As Spring approaches, many will be looking to inject a new lease of life into their homes ready for the next season. In fact, B&Q has seen a 122% increase in searches for 'Kitchen Paint' and a 93% increase in searches for 'Kitchen Handles' in the new year. Additionally, 'Kitchen Inspo' has amassed [over 50 million posts on TikTok](#), showing that Spring is the perfect time for small upgrades to refresh the home.

Yet, a seasonal upgrade doesn't need to be a huge financial and time investment, instead interiors lovers can create a whole new look with just a few decor updates and style changes.

To help homeowners update their space for less, **B&Q's Showrooms Director, **Tori Summers****, has shared her top tips on how to create a chic kitchen transformation that doesn't break the bank.

Tori's tips come as recent research revealed that 'Farmhouse Chic' is one of this season's most loved interior trends with 40% of Brits saying that this once 'old-fashioned' aesthetic has made a comeback\*. The research from DIY retailer B&Q shows that 70% of younger Brits are gravitating towards interior design styles that were previously seen as traditional.

**B&Q's Showrooms Director, **Tori Summers**, said:** "The kitchen is a popular choice for renovations as it's often a focal point of the home; however, many people think that refreshing your kitchen means a large investment. There are plenty of small upgrades that can be made on a budget to inject personality to your kitchen, without undergoing a full remodel. From a fresh



lick of paint to decor and lighting upgrades, I've put together my top tips to help elevate your kitchen, without the need for a complete overhaul."

### **Don't Skip the Small Stuff**

They may seem like small details, but little upgrades to handles can have a significant impact on a kitchen's overall aesthetic, for as little as £10 or less. Warm metals such as antique brass are a big trend in 2025 and add a touch of vintage charm to any kitchen, whilst light metals such as chrome or brushed metal offer a simple, clean look that goes with anything.

Sleek, contemporary handles can transform outdated cabinetry, while a statement tap can serve as a focal point, elevating the entire sink area. From twin lever, to side lever, to a filtered steaming hot water tap for a bigger investment, it's important not to underestimate how much a tap impacts the whole look and usability of the sink area. With B&Q offering 20% off big brands including Beko and Grohe, there's no better time to look at upgrading your kitchen fixings.\*\*

#### **Tori recommends:**

- [GoodHome Chervil Antique Brass Round Pull Handle Pack of Two](#) - £6
- [GoodHome Chervil Nickel Round Pull Handle Pack of 2](#) - £6
- [GoodHome Chervil Antique Brass Bow Pull Handle Pack of Two](#) - £7
- [Grohe Ambi Cosmopolitan Chrome-plated Kitchen Twin lever Tap](#) - £99
- [GoodHome Zanthé Chrome-plated Kitchen Side Lever Tap](#) - £55
- [GoodHome Zanthé Brass Kitchen Side Lever Tap](#) - £85
- [Franke Ascona Brass Effect Kitchen Twin Lever Tap](#) - £180

### **Add A Pop of Colour**

A fresh coat of paint can completely transform the look and feel of a kitchen, whether painting the whole room or just one feature wall. Changing the paint color can instantly brighten the space, create a sense of warmth, or add a bold, modern touch. Lighter shades can make the kitchen feel more open and airier, while darker tones in trendy colours like olive green, plum, or navy can add depth and personality.

Alternatively, swap out the cupboard doors to a new range for a pop of colour. The new painted Tydeman range from B&Q is crafted from solid ash wood and provides a luxury feel at an affordable price. The range is available in 12 different colours including a rich blackberry and antique rose pink as well as more traditional linen, porcelain and dove grey.

#### **Tori recommends:**

- [Dulux Trade Heritage Olive Tree Velvet Matt Wall Paint 2.5L](#) - £52.95
- [Dulux Trade Heritage DH Oxford Blue Velvet Matt Wall Paint 2.5L](#) - £46
- [GoodHome White Multi-Surface Primer & Undercoat 750ml](#) - £15



- [Tydeman Kitchen in Sage Green](#)
- [Tydeman Kitchen in Antique Rose](#)

### **Level Up Your Lighting**

Lighting plays a crucial role in shaping the overall look of a kitchen, enhancing its ambiance, highlighting key features, and influencing both functionality and aesthetics. Swapping outdated fixtures for modern pendant lights, or sleek under-cabinet lighting can instantly elevate a kitchen, creating a more inviting and stylish space.

A statement chandelier or pendant light can serve as an eye-catching focal point, adding personality and sophistication. Even small changes, like installing dimmers or LED bulbs, can enhance the overall mood and energy efficiency of the space.

#### **Tori recommends:**

- [Inlight Kuip Satin Gold Brass Effect LED Pendant Ceiling Light](#) - £110
- [Harbour Studio Weston 3 Lamp Pendant Ceiling Light](#) - £75
- [GoodHome Alani Chrome effect 2 Lamp LED Pendant Ceiling Light](#) - £63
- [3 Pack Brushed Nickel Ultra-Slim Under Cabinet Kitchen Lighting Kit](#) - £51.99
- [5 VORSPRUNG Under Cabinet Lights - Dimmable, Wireless Closet Lights](#) - £39.95
- [Inlight Freesia Brushed Satin Metal Pewter Effect Chandelier Ceiling Light](#) - £120

### **It's the Little Things**

Incorporating items like houseplants, art prints, and decorative vases, can inject personality and style into an interior whilst also providing an opportunity for personal expression, allowing individuals to curate spaces that feel both chic and intimately their own.

Whether it's a collection of small decorative plants arranged on shelves, or potted herbs like parsley, or basil perched in a windowsill, these additions will add visual interest, breathe new life, and add fresh flavours into your kitchen. Try experimenting with a gallery wall of art prints, mirrors, and decorative plates for a unique addition that's sure to freshen up any kitchen aesthetic.

#### **Tori recommends:**

- [Verve Arara Terracotta Cement & Terracotta Plant Pot Trio](#) - £12
- [Verve Parsley 'Plain Leaved \(Sheeps\) 2' Herb Seeds](#) - £2.50
- [Verve Basil Herb Seeds](#) - £2.20
- [Verve Bonsai in Ceramic Decorative pot 15cm](#) - £16
- [GoodHome Shady Room Foliage](#) - £4
- [simpa 6PC Rose Gold Metallic Shimmer Decorative Plates](#) - £16.99
- [Clear Round Frameless Mirror](#) - £15



- [Matisse Style Natural & Green Framed Print](#) - £40
- [Set of Two William Morris Green, Blue, Red & Black Framed Prints](#) - £30

### **Upgrade Your Appliances**

Investing in high-tech appliances can level up your kitchen, without sacrificing aesthetics. From sleek, energy-efficient products like air fryers, to smart voice assistants like the Google Nest Max Hub that can set timers and convert recipe measurements for you, don't be afraid to embrace tech that can make your life easier and greener.

It's always worth thinking about the life span of your kitchen appliances, so check the warranty and consider upgrading larger items such as your fridge too.

### **Tori recommends:**

- [EMtronics Double Basket Air Fryer Large Digital 9 Litre Dual with Timer](#) - £65.99
- [Google Nest Max Hub Chalk Smart](#) - £219
- [Geepas 20 Bar Cappuccino Espresso Coffee Machine Milk Frother](#) - £134.99
- [Cooke & Lewis CLFSMW20LUK 20L Freestanding Microwave](#) - £79
- [InSinkErator Model 46 Kitchen Sink Waste Disposer](#) - £145
- [GoodHome GHBI5050UK 50:50 Classic Built-in Frost-Free Fridge Freezer](#) - £398

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