



EXPERT REVEALS HOW TO GIVE KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS A REFRESH THIS NEW YEAR FROM AS LITTLE AS £6

- As the New Year begins, homeowners may be looking to start the year off well by refreshing their kitchens and bathrooms after the festive period, without committing to a full renovation
- B&Q's Director of Showrooms, Tori Summers, shares her expert advice on the small, high-impact updates that can transform a space, from cabinet handles and taps to paint, appliances, and quick surface fixes
- With B&Q's Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom sale now live, offering savings of up to 60% across kitchens and bathrooms products, and up to 40% on selected bedroom ranges, there's never been a better time to plan a home refresh

London, January 2026: After spending more time at home over the festive period, many households will have noticed those tired corners and well-worn spaces that could do with a little love. As the New Year gets underway, kitchens and bathrooms are often top of the refresh wish list - they're the hardest-working rooms in the house, after all. Whether planning a complete makeover or a simple refresh, it's the perfect time to reimagine these essential spaces.

To help shoppers update their homes for the year ahead, B&Q's kitchens and bathrooms expert has shared a series of small but high-impact changes for those not ready to commit to a full remodel, offering ways to transform the look and feel of a space with minimal disruption.

Tori Summers, Director of Showrooms at B&Q, says: *"You don't always need to undertake a full renovation to create a space that feels fresh and modern. It's amazing how even little changes can lift the mood of a room and give it personality. Upgrading key items such as taps or appliances can also make a big difference to how a room functions day to day. A refresh is all about making your home feel more personal, functional and welcoming, and the best part is that it's often achievable in just a few simple steps over a weekend."*

- 1) Swap out old cupboard handles or knobs for a new set as a quick and affordable way to refresh cabinetry, while introducing a stylish tap or a textured sink can add both personality and improved functionality.
- 2) Fresh paint on walls can instantly brighten a room and make it feel more cohesive, and painting cabinets can offer a refreshed look that feels like a new kitchen. For those homeowners looking to experiment without committing to a permanent change, temporary surface coverings are an ideal way to try new patterns, textures, and colours,
- 3) Finally, upgrading appliances or key fixtures such as an oven or washing machine, adds both practicality and a modern touch, ensuring the space not only looks better but works better too.







When combined, these updates show that a kitchen or bathroom can feel fully refreshed, welcoming, and design-led, all without a major renovation.






From hardware swaps to taps, appliances, paint and temporary surface fixes, B&Q makes it easy for homeowners to refresh their spaces in a way that suits every style, space and budget.

For those inspired to go further, B&Q's Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom sale runs from now until Monday 2nd February and features savings of up to 60% off kitchens and bathrooms products, and up to 40% on selected bedroom ranges, making it the perfect opportunity to plan a full kitchen or bathroom makeover.

Shoppers can also enjoy 15% off Bosch and Neff appliances at [diy.com](https://www.diy.com), including built-in ovens, induction venting hobs, cooker hoods, washing machines and microwaves, when they buy a kitchen from now until 2nd February.

Tori's product picks		
		
<p>Abode Ridge Aged Brass Effect Kitchen Bridge Mixer Tap</p> <p>£190</p>	<p>Plank Hardware ALVA Tubular D-Bar Handle - 136mm - Black</p> <p>£10.98</p>	<p>Skarda Grey & Silver Matt Marble Effect Aluminium & PVC Self-Adhesive Mosaic</p> <p>£6</p>
		
<p>GoodHome Cap Bénat Flat matt Furniture paint, 500ml</p> <p>£11</p>	<p>Cooke & Lewis Burbank White Ceramic Sink & Drainer</p> <p>£199</p>	<p>D-C-Fix Artisan Oak Wood Effect Vinyl Self-Adhesive Film</p> <p>£9</p>



		
NEFF Built-in Single Multi-function Electric Oven	Bosch Built-in Microwave	Bosch Freestanding 1400rpm Washing Machine
£999	£477	£849

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