

s the days go lighter and longer, cobwebs around the hor can sometimes start to show. Spring is ofte when we realise that it's time to give our liv space a little bit of love.

With us all spending more time in our homes lately, it's no surprise that planning applications in the second half of 2020 we more than 20% higher than over the same period in 2019, according to construction analysts Barbour ABL

With any home improvement project, deciding what to get and where to get it can feel overwhelming. It can be hard to know where to find top-quality products at a goo price when there are so many choices. Cost is here to help.

Freshen up your living space

In your living area, simple changes can make a big difference, especially if you're nup for a large-scale project or you're on a budget. Upgrades of furniture, bedding, ru and lighting are easy ways to transform a room with minimal effort.

"Try not to choose something for your home based on a trend, because they come and go, and we don't decorate our houses every season, contrary to what some design magazines may tell you," says London-base interior designer Shani Binstock. "If you lo it now, you'll love it for years to come; don' worry that it may go 'out of fashion."

Rugs can add colour or texture to a spa and can eventually be replaced without too much fuss. They are also a great way to cre separate zones, especially if an area is open plan, according to Binstock. In a lounge are the ideal rug should sit underneath the froe legs of every seat.

Perhaps the easiest way to update a lounge, family room or even garden sitting

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