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Style Your Home *Like a Pro*

It's that time of year when you take one look around the house and think, Is there anything I can do (besides straighten up) to make it look better before inviting guests over? So we asked top designers to give us their secrets for taking a room from ho-hum to oh, yes. These 10 mini makeovers work miracles without a lot of expense or effort

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I Dress Up a Table

Refresh an old favorite or give an inexpensive one a grand look with fabric, says Gideon Mendelson of New York design firm Mendelson Group. "A draped table appears so inviting, and you just have to change the material to mix it up." For a formal touch, let the edges pool; for a tailored, clean vibe, cut and hem it so it skims the floor. Mendelson loves the aesthetic of burlap cloth, particularly on a table centered in a foyer or vestibule. "It looks chic, soft, and earthy." Find affordable options in rounds from 24" to 108" at ballarddesigns.com.

Turn Your Kitchen into a Showplace

Domed-glass cake stands look elegant, especially when used in multiples. Designer Windsor Smith likes to display greens, "stems from our lemon tree," or fresh fruit, as she did in her sunny L.A. kitchen. While she's had the ones below for many years, she's also a fan of Pottery Barn's mini glass pedestal and dome (\$14) or the Claro cake stand (\$59) and dome (\$39).

