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SPRAY IT ON
Wicker furniture looks instantly modern when covered with bright paint.



THE PERFECT FRAME
Add some drama by painting windowsills and sashes different colors.

...vision makeover," says Krims. Director of The Fabrics House on Massachusetts, both Target and Home Depot have had chairs for about \$25, making it possible — with just a few evening shifts under your belt — to make window treatments for less than \$45.

Decorate pretty looks in half the price. Flip a decorative wall-hung chair to face forward to make a simple curbside makeover. "At night, you just attach [the curtain] and walk — imagine driving," says Boston interior designer Vicki McDonagh.

Refresh a window draper's look. Schleich is a window drape by using a decorative look as an end

... you can add a modern touch with clear rock, or rock with forged iron, and even a lot of traditional with glass," says Jill Seltzer, who owns home-goods store-maintenance, which has locations in the South End and Westside. Do your own thing like Susan Stone. All of them price window looks for less than \$25 each. Rather than covering the look into the dim, attach it with a strong adhesive, like E-6000 multipurpose glue.

Decorate paper shades. Paint and stick paper translucent window shades aren't exactly design-forward. But you can turn these throwaway shades into a kid-friendly decorating project with some water-based paint. Let

Go Green

» **Add color to a room with houseplants.** "Buy a plant instead of another home accessory and see how your room becomes more colorful, naturally," says Concord color consultant Bonnie Krims. "They often have fascinating leaf shapes and can even serve as a focal point."

Treat Them Right

» **Paint just the windowsills.** "To add tremendous atmosphere to any room, consider painting the windowsills and sashes," says Concord-based color consultant Bonnie Krims. "The color doesn't have to be bright or bold to make a big impact." Krims suggests looking to furniture and accessories in the room to find the right shade of paint, and even bringing a favorite item to the paint shop to get the color right.