



We love our home, but want to “update”

This month's *Five Improvements* comes to us from Steve Stolze, president of SLS Custom Homes. You can reach Steve at 503-691-9878.



As President of SLS Custom Homes and Remodel for over 30 years, working and living in the Tualatin area, I have pretty much dealt with all sizes of home updates and additions, so I would like to share some of what I have learned about what can be done in your existing home, to update it to feel fresh and new again, without breaking the bank.

I am going to list (5) five of the most requested and/or discussed changes to an existing home that can give you a feeling of living in a more modern home:

1. A FRESH COAT OF PAINT: This is one of the easiest and DIY projects that most folks can undertake to get not only a feel of freshness, but also a way to refresh the indoor atmosphere of your home by covering up some of the stale pet and/or cigarette smells, or just the odor of time. This will also brighten up your living spaces, and raise your energy levels.

2. UPDATE INTERIOR LIGHTING: Spend a little money at the local hardware store

or lighting store to purchase some new updated, brighter light fixtures. These will increase the indoor experience as well as taking advantage of some of today's new energy efficient bulbs and fixtures. The correct lighting can do wonders for your home experience, and this may require the help of a licensed electrician to help you.

3. UPDATE THAT KITCHEN: Update the kitchen area, opening it up and creating a real family oriented space by combining kitchen, nook and family areas if possible. New/refreshed cabinets, new countertops, new tile and/or especially new lighting really make life nicer in this family area.

4. REPLACE/UPDATE CURRENT FLOOR COVERINGS: New hardwoods, new carpet, new vinyl flooring can reflect some of the new lighting you have put into your home, and give a feeling of more warmth as you enjoy the inside of your home.

5. UPDATE YOUR BATHROOMS: Changing small items, like countertops, sinks/faucets, lighting especially, and also flooring. You can refinish the existing fiberglass tub or tub-shower to make it sparkle again, also, add new bath fans to get rid of moisture, and add skylights to give you natural light.

These are but a few of the tips I can offer you to make your home feel good again, and many of the projects you can do yourself, but if you need help, our company is always ready to provide you with a free, no strings attached, estimate. Call me today at 503-691-9878, ask for Steve Stolze, and I will come discuss your project with you. Check out our website at www.slshomes.com.