

home theater

Can't tell one decorating show from another? We've done the channel-surfing for you and created this guide to 10 of the best **BY KATHERINE HEINTZELMAN**

show	nuts & bolts	host	notable for	trademark tip
 <p>TLC, Saturdays, 9 P.M. EST</p>	<p>Two couples redo a room in each other's homes with a budget of \$1,000 and the help of a design team.</p>	 <p>Bubbly Paige Davis, who questions outlandish design concepts</p>	<p>Bold paint colors, repurposed furniture and tailored slip-covers</p> 	<p>Fit and pin slipcovers with the wrong side showing, then stitch up the seams and turn right side out.</p>
 <p>HGTV, Fridays, 8 P.M.</p>	<p>The show's crew works secretly with a homeowner's friend or relative to transform a room or garden.</p>	 <p>Designer Debbie Travis delivers short, effective explanations of design techniques.</p>	<p>Romantic, pretty rooms you can actually live in; dramatic trompe l'oeil treatments</p>	<p>You can create instant faux brickwork with a little plaster, paint and painter's tape.</p>
 <p>A&E, Sundays, 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>In three days homeowners make their house "show well" to potential buyers.</p> 	<p>Hardworking Tanya Memme and Roger Hazard diagnose and solve problems.</p>	<p>Tips on removing clutter and outdated décor and playing up the good points of unattractive spaces; not just for sellers—great info for any homeowner</p>	<p>A mix of liquid fabric softener and water aids in wallpaper removal.</p> 
 <p>HGTV, Tuesdays, 9:30 P.M.</p>	<p>A design team overhauls one room in a house (time and money are seemingly no object).</p>	 <p>Designer Candice Olson, who's as talented as she is tall</p>	<p>Fully realized renos—the most stunning of any show; ideas for maximizing space; beautiful built-ins, lighting and fabrics</p>	<p>Halogen pot lights positioned around a room's perimeter will help make the space seem bigger.</p>
 <p>HGTV, Wednesdays, 10 & 10:30 P.M.</p>	<p>A designer helps enhance a home's attractiveness by improving its exterior and landscaping.</p> 	<p>Boyish Bill Duggan, who keeps the dialogue flowing between designer and homeowner</p>	<p>Showing how changes both small (new address numbers) and large (shearing off a peaked roof) can make a house more inviting</p>	 <p>Just repainting the front door can transform your home's façade.</p>