

home

New look doesn't have to cost big bucks

Redesign using what you already have to work with

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Yearning for a fresh new look for a tired old room, but lacking the money to make it happen? According to Maria Lybrand of Lybrand Redesign, Key West, the chances are good that you've already got nearly everything necessary to bring a breath of fresh air and style to any room.

Lybrand, a certified interior redesign specialist and a certified staging specialist, says she helps people save money by using their existing furnishings to create the home of their dreams. She is also a Realtor at

Exit Realty Old Island Key West, and as a staging specialist she works with home sellers to present their property to potential buyers in the best light possible to increase the chance of a quick and more lucrative sale.

The redesign concept is featured on HGTV network's "Decorating Cents," a show in which designers carry out an entire room makeover for under \$500 on each episode. By using the homeowner's existing furnishings and adding inexpensive accessories, the designers show how it is possible to create a fashionable look on a tight budget.

Seeing a redesign on televi-



Contributed photos

From left to right, a before and after on a redesign by Maria Lybrand.

sion inspired Norma Gilmore to hire Lybrand for a living/dining room makeover in her Key West home. Gilmore said she was amazed with the results.

"I love the openness she

brought into the room," Gilmore said. "When you live with something all the time, after a while you just don't see it anymore. She helped me look at my house through different eyes

and gave me a fresh perspective."

Gilmore said Lybrand spent one day rearranging furniture

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MM 90

KEYS COUNTRY ELEGANCE WITH INGOUND POOL. Plantation Key home on large lot over 10,000 sq. ft. 2 car garage, fenced in yard, soaring ceilings, 4 bedroom, 2 baths, master suite on top floor, pool, deck, patio, laundry room and much more! Super neighborhood and conveniently located. **\$660,000.**



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16 BUILDABLE LOTS FOR SALE

Ranging in price from \$120,000 to \$450,000



MM 81.5

IN THE HEART OF ISLAMORADA! Close to Cheeca Lodge. Walking distance to your favorite shopping, dining & entertainment. Keys Charm surrounds this conch house. Metal roof, attractive siding, CBS with an extra large lot, Flood Zone X, many possibilities. Add a pool or expand, room to grow. This is the ultimate location for anyone looking for a home in a traditional Keys neighborhood. **\$379,000.**



MM 87.5

OCEANFRONT CONDO in Islamorada w/four terraces. Ocean view from kitchen & bedrooms! Enjoy full or part time living with a gated secure entrance. Fish off the 400' pier in the Atlantic Ocean, swim in your heated pool on the Ocean, exercise in the fitness center or relax in the sauna. Covered parking and your own ground level storage unit. Warm ocean breezes & plenty of Sunshine! **\$409,000.**



MM 91.5

SOLID CBS HOME IN DESIRABLE OLD TAVERNIER. Charming home has 2bd/ba w/office & new metal roof. Great location - walk to the end of the road to the Oceanfront beach or restaurants, movies, hospital & shopping. Neighborhood boat ramp has instant Ocean access w/the Bay just minutes away. Home faces empty wooded lots & has fenced in tropical backyard. Must see inside this conch style home **\$495,000.**



MM 102

ZONED MULTI FAMILY AND FLOOD ZONE X! Great rental income. Tree house beautifully renovated. New wood floors & doors. New kitchen w/granite, new appliances & solid oak cabinets. New AC & 15 KW generator hard wired to house. Two screened in porches, two extra porches & really cool tiki bar downstairs. Large tropical fenced in yard. **\$449,000.**



MM 105

LOOK AT THE BAY - Extra large 16' x 30' screened patio and then look at the neighborhood and the homeowners park w/boat ramp and within walking distance. The 45' concrete dock with davits is on a wide, deep, clean canal! This 1984 (for easy financing) double wide has tiled floors and more storage than most. **\$550,000.**



MM 92

BOATERS DREAM HOUSE - Ocean access only minutes to the **WORLD'S** best fishing & diving. 3 story CBS 3 bed/2ba and a den has been built w/no expense spared on this top of line custom 2005 home w/OCEAN VIEWS. Hardwood cherry floors, travertine bathrooms, gorgeous kitchen w/granite & S.S. Kitchen Aid appliances, 2 zone A/C, accordion shutters, pool w/jacuzzi, porches on each floor & more. Owner Financing Possible. **\$1,575,000.**



MM 96

SUNSHINE OR SNOW? BREATHTAKING OCEANVIEWS! This Oceanfront extra strong custom built home has an open layout which takes advantage of the Atlantic Ocean. This is one of the best deals you will find with all the amenities in this 55 years and over' in the entire Florida Keys! 'Move in' condition with owner financing possible. Enjoy private Ocean views from the balcony! **\$630,000.**



MM 92

NO LISTING LIKE THIS ONE - Private Bayside Home on 17000+sf Tropical Lot. Room for boat, RV, & toys. Bay/Ocean access via near by ramp. Huge screened pool, porch & deck. Detached building w/utility & garage. Large kitchen great open design, double master rooms & private guest quarters to make daily life & entertaining a breeze. Craftsmanship and quality construction. **\$749,000.**



MM 90

LARGE - BEST PRICED CBS HOME IN PLANATION KEY COLONY W/100' DOCKAGE & BOAT RAMP. YOUR BOAT SLIP IS ONLY MINUTES AWAY FROM BAY & OCEAN! Beautifully updated on large lot 12,500 sq. ft. Spacious open floor plan has gorgeous new kitchen, perfect for entertaining. Large screened in porch overlooks canal. Guest quarters, workshop, shed, laundry room and much more. Must see inside to appreciate **\$899,000**