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## The 52 Lists Project #11

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### List the ways you can rejuvenate your space:

- Oh, fresh paint would be so nice! I think white this time, all the way through, ceilings and walls the same. Not stark white, though...white with just a touch of warmth.
- Flooring, to cover the painted particle board that has worn to show the paths I take from room to room and that holds on to sand and spills in every crack and crevice. When it was first painted, it was a wonderful improvement over the plain particle board which, when it was new, was a huge improvement over the icy cold, cracked and chipped, painted cement slab, which was a slight improvement over the plain old *unpainted* cement slab that filled the air with cement dust every time I swept it...but I'd like a real floor. Because the floor is "on-grade," meaning no air space below it, hardwood flooring

is not recommended. Because it isn't level, sheet vinyl or tiles would require the added expense of plywood under-layment. Because the house is small, I'd like the flooring to be consistent throughout. That means it has to be suitable for bathroom and kitchen as well as other living spaces. That eliminates many of the click-together floors that have an MDF base. Carpeting would never be a good choice for me: too much sand, too many spills, and I'd never want a carpeted bathroom! Because there are probably no options that I can install myself, I have to figure the cost of a contractor, too. All of these things are contributing reasons why I still have no real floor, though this house is more than thirty years old. It sure would spruce the place up! I'm currently considering vinyl plank flooring.

- Light fixtures. Right now, in the living room and dining room, there are rims to light fixtures, but both of the globes broke, so the twisty compact fluorescent bulbs are exposed...and not the most elegant look. The entry has a different type of fixture. It's globe is intact, but its rim has totally rusted out, a casualty of the many years I used an unvented propane heater. It caused every bit of uncoated metal in the house to rust: curtain rods, hinges, door handles and light fixtures. Even the refrigerator shows rust, under its white enamel. The kitchen and laundry room have simple porcelain light fixtures that hold bulbs.
- Woodwork. Baseboards where floors meet walls, trim around doors and closets and windows...that would really spruce things up!
- I'm thinking of painting my front door some unexpected color, just to liven up the entry.
- Outside, this year I'm going for bales of hay and a big load of mulch to get my gardens back in good shape. Mowing, trimming, weeding and pruning will help, too.
- Beyond that, I bought a new used tablecloth at the re-sale shop last week. It is washed, pressed, and ready to go. As soon as the weather signals spring, I am putting it on the dining table, along with a couple bright candles in clear holders and a bouquet of the earliest daffodils. That is rejuvenation at its best!