



6 Overlooked Home Upgrades That Are Totally Worth It

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There are quite a couple of "luxury" amenities in homes that are actually nothing more than a bother. Whirlpool tub expectation: Hop into a relaxing candlelit bath the moment you even begin to feel stress. Whirlpool tub reality: Who the hell has the energy to clean all those valves?

But then there are actually those that are, indeed, worth your time and money for the amount they make your life better. Here, six luxury home updates that are *so* worth it:

3. Finished basements

You might think the space below your home is only good for storage—especially if your basement is unfinished. But Leslie Bowman, founder and design director of The Design Bar, an interior design studio in Burr Ridge, Illinois, says when this space is given a little TLC, it can immediately transform your home and how you live in it.

"My biggest tip: Section off spaces and create vignettes in your basement just like you'd do upstairs," Bowman says. "That way the space will feel functional and you'll want to spend time downstairs."