

# Resurface your way to a new look.



Do-it-yourself hardwood flooring is easy. You can even consider staining alternating wood planks, or simply stain a border on your existing floor to create a dramatic, and inexpensive new look.



New tiles can add drama and value and are easy to do. Old battered cabinets can come alive with a fresh coat of white paint.



Old stained or chipped tubs and sinks can be re-porcelainized, often in your home, for a fraction of the cost to replace.



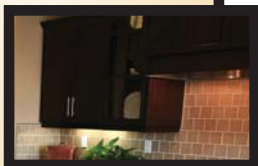
Try replacing an old driveway with easy to lay pavers. The old concrete can be used in a number of ways including a rustic pathway.

**F**loors, counters, sinks... anything with a surface can become worn or outdated. Whether you are remodeling or sprucing up, surfaces are a big part of the project.



Replacing bathtubs, sinks and flooring can involve more cost and time than you

bargained for, and torn-apart structures strain living conditions. As an alternative to the headaches and high cost of construction, consider resurfacing for a fraction of the price and time. These can be "do-it-yourself" projects, but may be involved, so consider professionals as well. Resurfacing or refinishing can give your home a new look and your wallet a break.



## The Bathroom

Removing a chipped, worn or stained bathtub can involve removing tiles, cutting into walls and updating plumbing. Adding up the cost of parts and labour, it can be quite expensive. A creative alternative is to resurface your tub for a fraction of the price and time.<sup>1</sup> Sinks, counters, cabinets and tiles (even toilets) can be resurfaced, and an added benefit is changing the colour! Most resurfacing processes enable use within 24 hours. Many internet resources exist for do-it-yourself kits and professional resurfacing companies.

<sup>1</sup> [www.startremodeling.com/refinishing\\_services.htm](http://www.startremodeling.com/refinishing_services.htm)

## Kitchen

Installing granite countertops is a large undertaking and costs can add up very quickly. Consider resurfacing your wood or laminate countertops. There are many creative methods available including marble. The same process can be done to replace kitchen cabinets. Doors, drawers and cabinet frames can be renewed using adhesive facing, changing out handles will greatly alter the appearance of your kitchen. You might also want to consider another option, swapping out old doors for new ones while keeping the existing framework.

## The Driveway

Your entry is the first impression visitors get of your home. Resurfacing can consist of treating, coating or adding to the existing surface. With asphalt, your choices may be limited to treating or coating over. With concrete, your choices are many with current technology—sprays, epoxy coatings, resin-bonded gravel and concrete top coats—even colourful acid stains in decorative tile, brick and other patterns. Extend the life and improve the appearance of your driveway with one of many resurfacing options.

## Average Replacement Vs. Resurfacing Costs

Type	Replacement Cost*	Resurfacing Cost*
Bathtub	\$2,000 - \$3,000	\$400 - \$500
Porcelain sink	\$600 - \$800	\$350 - \$400
Tile	\$15 - \$20/sq. ft.	\$8/sq. ft.
Cabinets	\$125 - \$170 per door	\$30 - \$60 per door
Countertop	\$200/sq. ft. laminate, \$500/sq. ft. granite	\$30/sq. ft.
Wood flooring	\$10 - \$13/sq. ft.	\$3 - \$4/sq. ft.

\*Estimated costs. Prices will vary by material and region.

## Flooring

Most homes have a combination of surfaces—carpet, wood, linoleum, tile. Most can be resurfaced or refinished to restore or replace original appearance. If your hardwood floor is looking scratched or faded, flooring experts can sand and refinish your floor to restore its natural beauty.

Tile floors can be resurfaced to seal and color while preserving the "tile look." Concrete floors can be sealed, coated or covered with a variety of materials, patterns and colours, many of which come in kits made for "do-it-yourselfers." See what works best for your garage, patio or deck—paint, epoxy sealers, stone, even interlocking mats—to satisfy your needs and creative ideas.

See websites on reverse side for more information.



# Re-Think Your Options!

There are several levels of resurfacing that will fit any sized budget. Here are some ideas for four resurfacing projects:

Project	Low Cost	Medium Cost	High Cost
Cabinets	Repaint/Add New Fixtures	Refinishing (Stripping & Sanding)	Refacing (Add Veneer, Molding, New Doors, Glass)
Wood Floors	Touch Up/Stain/Wax	Resurface (Buff Floor & Apply Finish)	Refinishing (Sand Floor, Remove Top Layer)
Laminate Countertops	Paint Over	Resurface with Aluminum and Man-Made Stone	Tile/Natural Stone
Concrete	Repair Cracks	Stain/Skim Coat	Repave/Repour with Patterns/Interlocking Block

## 7 Bathroom Resurfacing Projects

Rescue your bathroom.

Replace outdated colours and repair your chipped and cracked tiles and porcelain with resurfacing projects!

### ● Linoleum Flooring

Outdated linoleum flooring can be painted/covered up with self-adhesive tiles or a new sheet of linoleum.

### ● Walls

Apply a fresh coat of paint or a textured skim coat to add character and liven up the room.

### ● Sinks

Most sinks can be refinished in your bathroom without a problem. Resurfacing will remove rust stains, fix chips and cracks.

### ● Tubs

Most tubs can be resurfaced in place, saving major replacement costs. Resurface to any colour or revive the white, resurfacing will also add new foot traction.

### Shower

- The tiles in the surround can be replaced and updated with a myriad of new tile patterns and finishes and should be resealed every few years as well.

### Cabinets

- Install new door and cabinet handles. Old doors and shelves can be painted or replaced with new ones.

**Rule of Thumb:** Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid lengthy delays and costly mistakes by doing homework. The art of do-it-yourself projects is to know when you can!



*Online Resources:*

#### Bathtub Refinishing

[www.bathroomsmart.com/s/bathtub\\_refinishing](http://www.bathroomsmart.com/s/bathtub_refinishing)

Bathtub refinishing sources

including contractors, products and equipment.

#### Remodeling Online

[www.startremodeling.com](http://www.startremodeling.com)

Database of articles based on do it yourself guides and Home Remodeling/Repair tips.