Great ideas for exterior transformations

Whether you're working to a tight budget or plan to invest in an extreme makeover, use this essential guide for inspiration

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The mismatching facade has been transformed with a combination of modern materials, while the new carport has added architectural interest

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WHY TRANSFORM THE FACADE OF YOUR HOME?

Whether dreaming up decorating schemes to refresh a space or planning a complete interior transformation, homeowners spend a lot of time and energy considering ways to reorganise internal layouts. However, paying careful attention to the exterior of a property is just as important if it's to retain and, in some cases, increase its market value. ▶

This plain, 1960s house was redesigned both inside and out, but the difference to the exterior is particularly striking.

'The owners' brief was quite open, as they had no preconceived ideas for the design other than wanting the house, in its new guise, to look modern with a simple layout,' says Nigel Lewis, designer at Space & Style Home Design. 'Our radical solution involved the introduction of shallow pitched roofs at both ground- and first-floor levels, with oversized eaves, plus rendered and cedar-clad elevations to the house and the new additions.

'The design introduced a full-width rear living room, a study, utility room, floating cantilevered carport and a workshop/store on the ground floor, while a master bedroom with a vaulted ceiling and an en suite were added on the first floor. The house now has space and style and is simply "loft living" packaged as a family home.'

What it cost: Around £100,000, including all interior and exterior work ▶