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## *What's the best way to up the romance quotient at my apartment?*

Many interior designers advise painting the walls and installing new carpets to give your home a fresh look and boost resale value. But it hardly improves your quality of life. Remodeling the kitchen is also an option—if you're willing to spend \$50,000 on top-rate appliances and custom countertops. For a quick fix and a sexy upgrade, the shower is easy and inexpensive, and it adds a splash of luxury to your daily routine. All you need is a plumber for a few hours.

**Fixtures.** A lot of homes have dated-looking brass fixtures and hardware, and it's simple to upgrade to the more stately looking nickel or stainless-steel versions. One of my favorite brands is the German company Dornbracht; you'll find their fixtures at many top luxury hotels, including the new Canyon Ranch Condominiums, in Miami. Dornbracht's designs are modern and sleek without looking severe. Find an authorized pro by visiting [dornbracht.com](http://dornbracht.com). »

