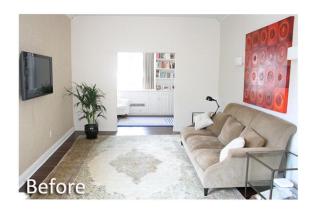# HouseBeautiful

The Add-Everything, Subtract-Nothing Makeover

A transformation that doesn't require parting with your furniture.

Before

Designer and home staging expert Cathy Hobbs transformed this bare living room into a warm sophisticated space. The best part? All the original furniture in the room remained.

"In an attempt to try to maximize space, the owner of this residence added a moveable wall to create a reading nook. However, what it did was cut off the space," says Hobbs. She removed the wall, swapped artwork and brought in furniture and accessories to create a more cohesive look.

After

"Removing the wall adds wonders! But the true challenge in this space was the lack of a defined color story. Before the room felt baron and sterile, repeating blue, taupe and black around the space as part of a cohesive color story makes the space feel more polished and finished."