

# Designing On A Budget - 5 Free Tips

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I wanted to thank you again for your interest in my website. In just a moment I am going to share with you 5 tips that I have learned over the past few years of doing business with churches and religious organizations. If there is one thing that has become very important in this business, it's the ability to find ways to cut corners and cut costs to be able to make great things happen in the design realm in our churches.

**With out further adieu here are the tips I have promised you:**

1. The most inexpensive way to jazz up a room is to simply apply some color to the walls or even an accent wall if you are one a truely tight budget.
2. The most inexpensive way to get a hold of paint for your walls is to visit your local hardware store and rummage through their returned paints. This is a great way to pick up paints on the cheap, if they don't have enough of the color you are wanting, often times you can buy a few different paints and mix them together to creat a new color. Only problem with this method is you can't be incredibly picky on the colors.
3. I can't stress enough this next point. Volunteers volunteers volunteers. If you have not already done so in your ministry, it is imperative that you start a volunteer ministry where people can sign up to do volunteer project in the church. Most people are looking for ways that they can put their talents to work in the church. Even if you are a small church, it is highly likely that you have a diverse group of skill sets amongst your members.

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4. Don't wait until a project is on top of you to get your volunteer base set up. Start searching for people now. Create a sign up for and pass it out during the service. Ask questions like: What is your occupation? where do your talents lay? What are the best days and times of days for you to volunteer your time? If you could do any job in the church as a volunteer, what would it be? Collect the cards in the offering plate and sort the volunteers into categories. You may have a designer, a carpenter, an organizer, a painter, a jack of all trades, you want to be able to call on the right people for the job. Putting the right talents to work in the right areas is key to a great outcome on your project.
5. A great tip for decorating a kids/teen/college/coffee house area on a limited budget is paint by number. (yes I said paint by number) On a large scale, this system can be put to work with some amazing results. Very simple to do. All you need is some artwork (put your volunteer artist to work on this) A transparency projector (I don't know of a church that does not have at least one of these around) And a hand full of volunteers that can hold a paint brush. project the art on the wall, trace the art, number the art with the proper number to color, label paint colors with numbers, paint, socialize and have fun. Play music, have pizza, and get a project done in no time with little to no expense.

I hope you found these tips useful, stay tuned for more freebies in the near future and don't forget to stop by the website for some inspiration or to spend some of the money you saved on some of our cool products!

Sincerely,  
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