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Summer “Staycation” Home Improvement Projects

PENSACOLA, FLA. – *Think of it as the glass is half full ...* and there’s still half of the summer left to take advantage of good weather to accomplish some valuable home improvement projects.

Experts at Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows offer ideas on five do-it-yourself projects that provide you with a strong feeling of “staycation accomplishment” while making your home more enjoyable to live in throughout the year.

Project #1 – Replace an outdated shower with an [acrylic block shower kit](#). Available in three different styles, each kit includes durable pre-assembled acrylic block walls and a solid-surface textured base. Because acrylic block is 70 percent lighter than installed glass block, you don’t have to worry about structural reinforcements. A variety of block and frame options are available to customize the shower to complement any bathroom in the home.

Project #2 – Create jewelry for your walls by replacing a standard window with an [operable decorative glass window](#). Created with brass or lead coming and a wide variety of individually-placed glass pieces, decorative glass windows sparkle as sunlight comes into the home. Need some fresh air? No problem, many of the windows are designed in casement styles to crank open for natural ventilation.

Project #3 – Add [interior acrylic block shutters](#) over the inside of existing windows. Similar to plantation shutters or blinds, the lightweight acrylic block shutters install in just 20 minutes to the inside of the home to add decorative style and privacy to a room. Ideal for bathrooms or home office areas where you want to create a secluded space, easy-to-operate Coronado Block Shutters reduce the glare of too much sunlight in a room and help prevent energy loss through existing windows.

Project #4 – Transform a standard slab or panel door into a showpiece. Easy-to-install [acrylic block door inserts](#) allow natural light to flow through a door while protecting your privacy. Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows offers these inserts for both exterior and interior doors. Two different versions of the insert are available --- a three block wide by 11 block long size that measures 22" by 70" and a larger, four block wide by 11 block long size that measures 28" by 70". The exterior door inserts are made to fit doors that are 1-3/4" thick. This fast DIY project can be done in less than an hour!

Project #5 – Gain some privacy in larger areas of the home, like a basement or family room space, by adding in [acrylic block straight or radius partition walls](#). The lightweight acrylic block walls are available in a variety of sizes and can separate a children’s area from a home office area or a work-out area from a hobby area. The panels install quickly for a fast return-on-investment --- a definite keep-the-peace staycation bonus!

Headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., U S Block Windows offers the widest selection of prefabricated privacy products in the industry. Product lines are offered under both the U S Block Windows and Hy-Lite Products brand names and include a variety of operable and fixed acrylic block and decorative glass windows. Additional product offerings include glass block windows along with an assortment of acrylic block shutters, accent panels, radius walls, partition walls, door inserts and shower kits. For more information visit www.hy-lite.com and www.usblockwindows.com or call 888-256-2599.

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