



YOUR GUIDE TO: CHANGE A LIGHT FIXTURE

TIME

< 1 hour

SKILL LEVEL

Easy

BUDGET

Under \$100

MATERIALS

You really don't need much! Just make sure you have the following handy:

Manual screwdriver (usually flat head, but you may need Phillips depending on your light fixture)

Wire connectors
New light fixture

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **TURN OFF THE POWER.** I cannot stress this enough. Find the circuit breaker for the room where you're installing the light and switch it off. If you're unsure, it never hurts to switch off the whole panel. For added safety, also turn off the switch to the light.
2. Remove the old light. There's usually a couple of screws connecting the base of the light fixture to the electrical box. Unscrew everything until the fixture is no longer attached to the ceiling and is only attached by the electrical wires.
3. Remove the wire connectors and untwist the wires to disconnect the fixture from the electrical box. Set aside your old light.
4. This is a good time to make sure your electrical box is secure. Go ahead and tighten any screws in your electrical box. But be sure not to over tighten!
5. Take a look at the wires coming out of the electrical box. You should have three - a white, a black, and a green grounding wire.
6. Following the instructions of your new light fixture, connect the wires on your light to the wires in your electrical box by twisting them together. White usually connects to white, black to black, and the green to a grounding screw.
7. Cap off the connections with the new wire connectors.
8. Tuck the wires into the electrical box and secure the base of your light fixture to the electrical box. Your light should come with screws for this.
9. Once the base of your light is secured to the ceiling, install your lightbulb and any covers or shades.
10. Flip your circuit breaker back on, and your light should be ready to go!