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If you aren't able to visit the event, don't despair! This issue is bursting with ideas for decorating, extending and renovating, along with many cost-saving tips for DIY. There are more than 20 pages of readers' projects, including alterations to a period house in Belfast and an innovative copper extension to a cottage in Mayo. There's practical advice and guidance for fitting uPVC windows, upgrading your property to an A-rating, and designing a home for the future! There are tips for making your property more saleable in a buyer's market; or if you plan on staying put, we get back to basics with a review on property needs vs

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Anthea Savage, Editor

Inspired Readers: If you have completed an inspirational makeover, extension, renovation or alteration project, or if you have any questions, queries or dilemmas relating to a home improvements project, get in contact. Email: anthea@decorateireland.ie or write to: *Decorate & Improve Your Home Magazine*, 119 Cahard Road, Saintfield, Co. Down BT24 7LA, (028) 9751 0790

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