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Use circular
reasoning for
low-budget style.

"My dad always said, 'Buy a tool once, and buy it right. And if you hang out with the boys, always show up with a yellow-and-black DeWalt,'" says Kristan Cunningham, cohost and designer for HGTV's *Design on a Dime*.

Heeding her dad's advice, Kristan invested in a DeWalt Plunge Router (\$190) to use on the show. "Until I got my router we were limited to rectangles, squares, and angles," she says. "Now we look for any reason to bring a curved element to a room."

Kristan uses her router to make rounded furniture with soft edges. Recently she formed a backsplash around a kitchen's window, creating a porthole for an instant modern look. "When you're dealing with limited money, it's the details that make it feel rich," she says. "A router gives us the option to add those details."

For more ideas, check out the *Design on a Dime* book (Meredith Books, \$20). The show airs at 10 and 10:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays. 📺

