

LIVING ROOM

Styling Essentials

The secret sauce to decorating



Living Room Styling

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You've started decorating your living room, you've changed the flooring, chosen the sofa and curtains but how do you finish it? No matter how you try, it never seems to look right or you aren't sure what finishing pieces to choose and how to display them.

This is something I hear a lot and I understand the frustrations. You've spent hours on Instagram and Pinterest and know exactly what you like, so why is it so difficult to achieve?

Without a doubt styling is the secret sauce to bringing everything together. I know by the time you've bought everything else there doesn't seem to be enough left over to indulge in this final step but I would urge you to persevere and take the plunge, you won't regret it.

Not only will it enhance all the pieces in your home, you will also create your very own unique style by displaying items that mean something to you as well as pieces that you are drawn to and speak your style.

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Arrangements

- Odd number groupings work best
- Use the three, five or seven rule
- Use a statement piece
- Display your personality/character

Areas to Style

- Coffee tables
- Bookshelves
- Console tables
- Fireplace

Coffee Table Must Haves

- Stack of books (no more than 3)
- Decorative boxes
- Bowls or Trays
- Fresh cut flowers
- Vase

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Mantel Must Haves

- Tall Vases
- Candlesticks
- Picture Frames
- Mirror
- Art

There are two kinds of balance you will want to achieve, symmetrical and asymmetrical. For a formal setting you would usually use the symmetrical layout of accessories.

A mirror in the centre with two other items either side but instead of flanking a vase in each side, think of grouping smaller items in groups of 3 or 5. So maybe a vase on one side and on the other, group items to balance it out

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Bookshelf Must Haves

- Books
- Magazines
- Bookends
- Picture frames
- Ornaments
- Vases
- Flowers
- Bowls
- Trays
- Mementos
- Boxes/Baskets

A Tip on Choosing Artwork

Choosing art is a very personal thing and doesn't necessarily mean choosing something that goes with your colour scheme, especially if you are investing in a piece of art.

When hanging art the general rule of thumb is 57" (average eye level) from the floor to the middle of the painting i.e. gallery level

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Engaging these elements and techniques when styling will help you with the final hurdle of decorating and finishing off your room.

DON'T HAVE TIME TO DO THIS YOURSELF?

Book A Styling Session and finally tick that one off your list!



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