

*Creating the home you've been dreaming of!*

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*Adding a mirror to the room can create the illusion of more space...*

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## Decorating Your Living Room on a Budget

### Get that new look without spending a fortune...

Decorating any room, and especially the living room, can be a real challenge. It becomes even more of a challenge when you only have small budget to work with.

The biggest hurdle you'll face will be getting that 'look' that expresses your unique personality, without spending a fortune.

You can start by looking at the items you already have in a different way. With a little bit of imagination you'll be able to create a cozy family room for almost next to nothing.

Here are some decorating tips to help you turn a drab living room into a warm and friendly place where everyone will love to gather.

### Paint

Paint one wall using your favorite color, making this the focal point of the room.

- ⇒ Hang a piece of interesting art on this wall.
- ⇒ Place a nice piece of furniture on that side of the room to provide even more accent to the wall. If you want to add extra impact to the wall, then why not

- ⇒ use a rubber stamping technique?
- ⇒ Although it is extremely easy to do, rubber stamping can look very impressive when finished.

### Use an Area Rug

This is a great way to define a conversation area. Look for one that will complement the décor of your room.

Rather than laying it straight, put it at an angle underneath your coffee table (if you have one). Or if not, then just place it in a central location where the seating is situated. Why not add some large cushions as well?

### Pictures & Mirrors

Hang pictures and mirrors that most reflect your personality. If you're able, try frames that are more ornate.

When hanging a mirror, place it in a position where it'll reflect either a nice view, or an interesting architectural element of the room.

Including a mirror in the room creates an illusion of more space because of the additional light it reflects.

### Lighting

Replace your lamps, as these can really date your room. If you're unable to replace the whole lamp, then consider replacing the lampshade instead.

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*Add freshness to the living room with some plants...*

### **Coffee Table**

If your coffee table's looking tired or scratched, try covering it with a small decorative throw rug.

If you want to be a bit more adventurous, why not consider tiling the top of it with mosaic tiles or colored glass instead?

### **Rearrange the Furniture**

Avoid thinking square! Instead, put your furniture at an angle. This will give a whole new 'look' to the layout of your room, and it's considerably less expensive than going out and buying new furniture.

Pay attention to the floor space you have left and make use of it.

Get some scatter cushions and use these as additional seating. This will help provide your living room with a much more relaxed atmosphere.

### **Plants**

Use plants to add freshness and impact to the décor of your room. If placed strategically they'll hide any ugly flaws you may have in your room.

### **Finally...**

If you don't need it—remove it.

Donate it to your local charity, ask a family member or friend if they could use it.

By de-cluttering your space, you'll not only provide yourself with more room, but you'll also be gaining a whole new look.

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