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The art of buying art for your home



Designing a home's interior can be fun. Whether furnishing a first apartment or a newly purchased family home, many people feel that the art they put on the walls of their homes is an expression of their individuality, and that a home isn't truly a home until its interior reflects their personalities.

Furnishing a home with art can be intimidating, especially for people doing so for the first time. But a few tricks of the trade can help men and women turn the interiors of their homes into spaces that reflect who they are.

• Embrace your personal taste. Don't hesitate to decorate your walls with art you like. When buying furniture for a home, it can make sense to follow certain rules. For example, parents of young children might want to purchase dark-colored furnishings that can hide stains. But no

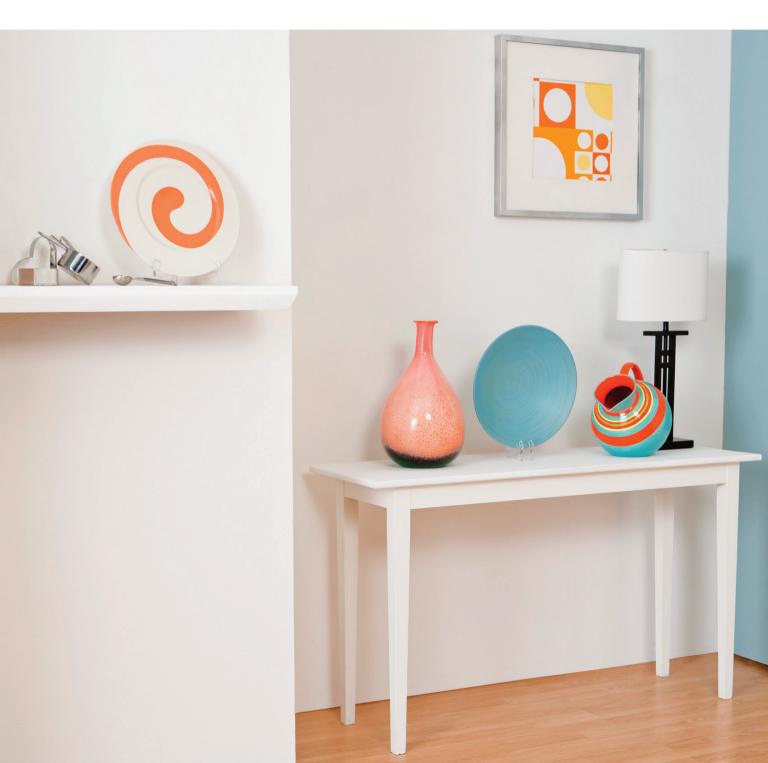
such rules should govern your choices of artwork. Art reflects the person who made it, but it also reflects the person who buys it, so buyers should embrace their personal taste when furnishing their homes with art.

• **Shop around.** Thanks to the internet, billions of pieces of art, from tapestries to photographs to paintings, are at your fingertips. Comparison shopping can be fun and help novices discover their personal tastes. It also can be a great way to support artists. For example, 90 percent of all image royalties on art purchased from YourArtGallery. com goes directly to the artist, ensuring much of buyers' money is going toward supporting the people responsible for the art they plan to hang in their homes. That can give people a greater sense of pride in their home's decor. • Seek inspiration. If you're unfamiliar with art, don't hesitate to seek inspiration. Art is everywhere, from the hotels you stay in while traveling to the billboards you pass while driving to work to the local art museum near your home. If you're uncertain of what you like, make a concerted effort to recognize the art you see but may not stop to notice each day. As you expose yourself to more and more art, you will gain a greater knowledge of what you like and dislike. Use that knowledge to inform your decisions when buying

art for your home.

• Switch things up. Your entire home does not need to follow a theme. If your taste in art is eclectic, embrace that and have different rooms throughout your home reflect your different tastes. This can give each room its own unique feel and make for a colorful home.

The art people hang in their homes is a personal choice, and the process of finding that art can be fun and eye-opening.





Homes should be safe havens. But each year injuries in and around the home contribute to millions of medical visits and many fatalities each year.

Although anywhere in a home can be the scene of an accident, bathrooms tend to be the most dangerous room in the house. Slippery tile, the presence of water, stockpiled medications, and many sharp and hard edges in a small space pose several different hazards in the bathroom, particularly for young children and people age 65 and up. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says falls, which can result in serious injuries like hip fractures and head trauma, are the cause of 80 percent of all bathroom accidents.

Many bathroom accidents are preventable with some easy modifications.

1. Reduce slippery surfaces. Wet tile is a recipe for slick conditions. Bath rugs with rubber backing can provide traction in the bathroom, as can nonslip mats placed on the floor of the bathtub or shower enclosure. Water-resistant flooring made from recycled rubber is another option. It is softer, less slippery and more forgiving than traditional tile flooring.

2. Install lever-style fixtures. Round knobs in the bathroom can be difficult to grasp, especially for the elderly or those with arthritis. Lever-style fixtures are easier to maneuver and can help alleviate scalding from not being able

to adequately adjust the water temperature.

3. Utilize transfer benches and shower seats. A transfer bench can help reduce injuries that occur when trying to climb over a tub wall. Benches are placed outside of the tub and a person sits and then swings his legs over the ledge. Transfer benches also can be used in conjunction with shower seats. This is a chair or bench that allows people to sit while they shower.

4. Discard old medications. Clean out the medicine cabinet of old or expired medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This reduces the likelihood of medication confusion, and does not put potentially harmful pills and syrups into the hands of children.

5. Install grab bars. Properly installed grab bars around the shower and toilet area can provide leverage and stability. AARP says many injuries to seniors occur when they are attempting to sit or get up from the toilet. Grab bars or an elevated toilet seat can help.

6. Install motion-detecting lights. These lights turn on automatically upon detecting movement, making them beneficial for people who routinely visit the bathroom in the middle of the night. Adequate illumination also can help reduce fall risk.

Bathroom safety should be made a priority. Various modifications can make bathrooms safer for people of all ages.

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Update your bedroom with new curtains and bedding



Does your bedroom need an upgrade? Change the look of the room with new curtains and sheets. Here's how to choose the perfect new linens for your room.

Curtains

When selecting curtains, think about the look you want in the room and then find a fabric that corresponds. Linen and cotton blends are more casual and cheerful, while silk and velvet are refined and regal.

Next, think about the colour and pattern you'd like. You can match your curtains to the colour of the wall and use pattern and texture to make them stand out. Alternatively, you could hang a multicoloured pattern and make them a focal point.

Bedding

You don't need to match your bedding to your curtains but they should co-ordinate. You can pull a colour from the pattern on your curtains or use a contrasting colour. If you'd like to use different patterns for your curtains and bedding, stay in the same colour palette.

When buying your sheets, invest in high-quality, natural fabrics. Egyptian cotton is classic and comfortable, while silk feels luxurious and has the added bonus of being gentle on your hair and skin.

By changing the linens in your bedroom, you'll wake up feeling like you're somewhere new.

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How to choose the perfect paint for your walls



Are you thinking of giving your walls a fresh coat of paint this spring? Having a hard time deciding what colours to choose? Here are some tips for selecting the perfect shades.

Decide on the room's entire look before selecting your paint. This will allow you to really pull the room together with colour.

Once you've settled on the design of a room and chosen the furniture and accessories, take inspiration from a colour featured in a favourite area rug or throw. This will ensure your room looks pulled together.

If you're painting rooms that open into each other,

make the transition seamless by choosing colours that are two or three shades apart on the same paint chip.

Choose a neutral paint for rooms where something else is the focal point. Bold hues work best in rooms where everything else is understated.

A tiny paint chip isn't enough to let you know if the colour will work in a given room. Instead, buy a sample and paint a small area so you can see the colour during different times of the day.

No matter your style, following these tips will help you find the perfect new colour for your walls. A12 Friday, February 15, 2019



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Five fun and affordable ways to revitalize your home



Does your home need an update? If a full renovation isn't in the cards this spring, here are five fun and inexpensive makeover tips for reinvigorating your home.

1. New accessories

Inexpensive upgrades such as new throw pillows on the couch, a fresh tablecloth in the dining room or a chic frame for a painting or photo will help revitalize your home.

2. Rearrange your furniture

Sometimes changing the layout of a room is all you need to do to make it come alive again. Move your bed to the other side of the room or switch the living room furniture around.

3. Update your bathroom

Replacing accessories like the soap dish, shower curtain and hand towels can make your bathroom feel brand new.

4. Switch up your lighting

A lamp for your bedroom or a new fixture in the dining room will shed new light on a room that's lost its sparkle.

5. DIY upgrades

If you want new cabinets in your kitchen, try painting the ones you have for a cost-effective alternative. Consider a DIY approach to other desired upgrades for your home.

These simple and affordable changes can make you fall in love with your home all over again. So which ones will you undertake this spring?



I want to hire a real estate agent and I've noticed some have designations after their name, such as Accredited Buyer Representative or Certified Condominium Specialist. Are these important?

Whether or not they are important is up to you. Usually, designations after a real estate agent's name indicate additional education or experience in a particular area that resulted in a designation or certification from an industry body. If you are in the market for a condominium, maybe hiring someone who has a Certified Condominium Specialist designation will make you more comfortable. It's entirely up to you.

Typically, to receive these types of designations, a real estate agent will have to complete additional education and/or attain a certain level of experience. For example, the National Association of REALTORS®, an industry trade association, offers an education program to attain an Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR) designation.

In addition to formal designations from industry trade associations, some real estate professionals may also claim particular expertise or experience. That expertise or experience may relate to a geographical area (for example, they'll call themselves "Downtown Neighbourhood Specialist"), or in a type of property (for example, "Your Farm and Ranch Specialist"). When making these claims, a real estate agent needs to ensure they can demonstrate the gualification or experience they are claiming. If an industry professional advertises particular qualifications or expertise, the Courts and RECA will typically hold them to a higher standard. That means if a real estate agent has never assisted a buyer or seller with a condominium, they shouldn't call themselves a condominium specialist. But, if they do, and RECA receives a complaint about their conduct when assisting a condominium buyer or seller, RECA will hold them to a higher standard than someone who does not call themselves an "expert" or "specialist."

At the end of the day, what you think is important when hiring a real estate agent is up to you. If a real estate agent you're talking to has an additional industry designation, ask them about it. Find out what it took to attain it, and how they keep their designation current. If you're seeking a specific type of property or have a desire to stay in a specific area, you may want to seek out a real estate agent who indicates – and can prove – extensive experience and expertise in that area. In all cases, though, ask questions to figure out what is important to you, and who you're comfortable working with.

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Operation clean air: five ways to get rid of indoor air pollution



Spring cleaning may make you think of washing windows and laundering curtains, but what about the air inside your home? In some residences, the air indoors can be more polluted than the air outside. And unfortunately, dust and dirt can make respiratory issues like asthma worse. Here are five strategies to help you breathe easier.

Keep your floors clean: make sure people take their shoes off at the door and to vacuum with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter. This way, you'll reduce allergens and harmful chemicals that can get into your home.

Don't let it get too humid: excess humidity attracts mould, dust mites and other allergens. Use a dehumidifier or an air conditioner to keep humidity levels low.

Get some houseplants: not only do plants help filter the air in your home, they can also boost your mood. Peace lilies and rubber plants make great air purifiers and are easy to take care of.

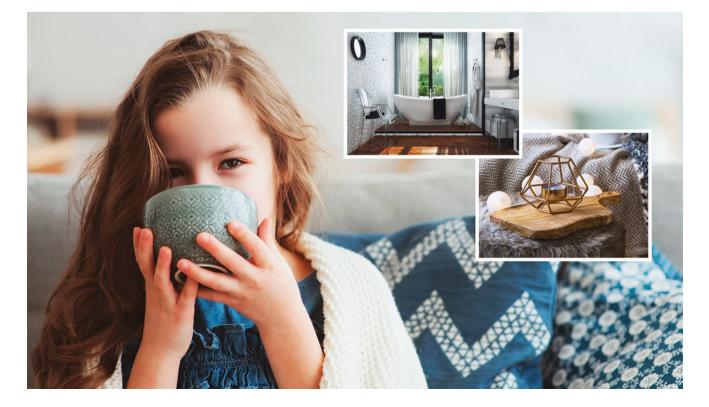
Have your ducts cleaned: think of air ducts as the lungs of your home; all the air from your heating and cooling systems flow through them. If you can't remember the last time you had them professionally cleaned, now's the time.

Change your filters: your air conditioner, furnace, dryer and range hood all have filters that should be changed regularly to keep them working efficiently and the air in your home clean.

This spring, breath easier by adding the above five items to your spring cleaning to-do list.



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