



# Where Do I Start?



## 20 WAYS TO GET A HEAD START ON CREATING A SPACE YOU LOVE

- Decide how you want your space to feel when you enter your home.
- Do you want a different vibe for each room, a collective harmony for the entire house or, different moods for each floor of your home.
- Take inventory of what furniture goes and what remains
- Consider if you will reupholster, repurpose, or donate items.
- Gather inspiration from your surroundings. It can come from anywhere, like a rock you fell in love with, or a rug you saw in a magazine.
- Consider the home's architectural details. Should they be given center stage or downplayed?
- Pay attention to stationary items like built-ins and fireplaces and how they appear in the space.
- Make sure there is proper flow between your furniture and stationery items. 3 ft. is generally good.
- Take measurements of your rooms and doorways, as shopping will be much more productive
- Assess your windows. Is privacy needed? Do you have plenty of natural light or not enough?
- If there are no window treatments, many homeowners start with the privacy factor first, particularly with new builds.
- Consider blinds for privacy and light control and draperies and curtains for the wow factor.
- Shop for large items first, like sofas, beds, and entertainment centers in the proper scale. All too often items are too large or quite diminutive for the room it was purchased for.
- When you're shopping, think about creating conversation areas in each living space.
- Think about how the furniture will harmonize with the existing flooring and paint colors
- It's important to make furniture selections first, before committing to paint colors. Oftentimes this is done in the reverse and not ideal.
- Your wall color and flooring are the background and blank canvas of your home. Keeping this in mind will ensure that your furniture and accessories will take center stage and not compete with the canvas.
- It's okay to have fun with a focal wall or two, but let your personality or mood of the space come to life through your art, area rugs, lighting, pillows and home accents.
- Create a home decor binder to keep your measurements, inspiration items and photos of the room. Furniture sales professionals will love you for being organized as you shop your plan.
- Step one is crucial for your design plan coming together. Once you decide how you want your space to "feel", your selections will be predicated on the overall "Mood" you are seeking.

Congratulations you are on your way to creating a space you love

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