

How Much Will It (Really) Cost to Decorate Your Home?



A room-by-room budget guide.

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Decorating (or redecorating) your space can be overwhelming, especially when it comes to knowing how to budget...

That's Why I'm Here To Help!

So, you're considering what it would take financially to refresh a space in your home or redecorate several rooms, right?

Maybe you've done a few Google searches, but end up finding yourself more confused than when you started. While there's a plethora of information out there, some of it can be misleading. My goal with this guide is to help clarify things for you, so you can plan accordingly and realistically.

Media can make designing a home look effortless, fast, and inexpensive. Think: home makeover shows where in a mere couple of weeks an entire home looks brand new– and by the way, only cost \$20,000! However, what those shows don't include is the costs of a contractor, sub-contractors, designers, and stylists. Something else they don't disclose are the massive savings from buying wholesale and in bulk, as well as certain products used in exchange for advertising.

To avoid any sticker shock, I want to be as transparent with you as I can. The reality is, most of us have no idea how much we've already spent to furnish and decorate our homes. Typically, we do so a room at a time, or refresh a space here and there– not all at once. We just don't walk in a room and think about the cost of everything to find out our total investment.

But maybe it's time to start thinking about it in that way. That's what I'm here for! Because in order to come up with a pragmatic budget, you're going to need a little assistance doing it.

How to Use This Guide

My hope is to provide some measure of clarity. We'll look at three price points for each room to consider as you plan... Good, Better, and Best... along with an itemized breakdown of what you should expect to pay at each tier.

Note: the “good” price point assumes you're buying quality items at a standard price, not thrifting, doing DIY, or bargain shopping. While these strategies might save you money in the short term, lower quality items will have you paying more in the end. With that being said, I love a good sale! If you choose to wait for a quality piece to be discounted, absolutely go for it!

Throughout this guide, I also let you know which pieces are most important, aka where to put your money first. A tried and true method that I advocate is to invest in high quality items that will get the most use in your home, and save money on decor items and furnishings that will get lesser use. This way you prioritize where it counts.

Okay, let's get to it! I hope this guide will be helpful to you as you build a plan for your next decorating project!

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Living/Family Room

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Aside from the kitchen, your living room probably gets the most traffic in your home. If you're going to splurge on any item here, it should be your seating. Quality is key, as you'll want to be comfortable while you lounge and relax. There's nothing worse than a pretty sofa, with no real functionality due to how uncomfortable it is!

Good

Wayfair, CB2

Sofa	\$1500
Chairs (2)	\$1000
Side Tables (2)	\$500
Coffee Table	\$800
Console Table	\$550
Rug	\$700
Floor Lamp	\$400
Table Lamps(2)	\$400
Chandelier	\$700
Window	
Treatments	\$500
Pillows/Throws	\$250
Wall Art	\$500
Décor	\$700
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$8,500

Better

Basset, Pottery Barn

Sofa	\$5000
Chairs (2)	\$2000
Side Tables (2)	\$1000
Coffee Table	\$1000
Console Table	\$1000
Rug	\$1000
Floor Lamp	\$500
Table Lamps(2)	\$800
Chandelier	\$2000
Window	
Treatments	\$2000
Pillows/Throws	\$500
Wall Art	\$2000
Décor	\$1000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$19,800

Best

Restoration Hardware,
Ethan Allen (Trade Only)

Sofa	\$8000
Chairs (2)	\$6000
Side Tables (2)	\$2500
Coffee Table	\$3000
Console Table	\$2000
Rug	\$5000
Floor Lamp	\$1500
Table Lamps(2)	\$2000
Chandelier	\$5000
Window	
Treatments	\$5000
Pillows/Throws	\$1000
Wall Art	\$5000
Décor	\$2500
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$48,500



Kitchen/Breakfast Nook

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Many kitchens become the hub of the household, especially the island– so invest in quality counter stools. Look out for stain-resistant performance fabric, so you won't have to stress over spills. In addition, the kitchen table and chairs will be used multiple times a day, as a work/craft table for kids, so it may be wise to spend a little more money here.

Good

Counter Stools (4)	\$1200
Kitchen Table	\$1000
Chairs (4)	\$1000
Console Table	\$500
Pendant Lights (3)	\$600
Chandelier	\$500
Window	
Treatments	\$500
Accessories	\$300
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$5,600

Better

Counter Stools (4)	\$2000
Kitchen Table	\$2200
Chairs (4)	\$1200
Console Table	\$1000
Pendant Lights (3)	\$900
Chandelier	\$1000
Window	
Treatments	\$1250
Accessories	\$500
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$10,050

Best

Counter Stools (4)	\$3600
Kitchen Table	\$4000
Chairs (4)	\$2800
Console Table	\$2000
Pendant Lights (3)	\$1500
Chandelier	\$2500
Window	
Treatments	\$2200
Accessories	\$1000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$19,600



Dining Room

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The key for this room is good dining chairs! Again, stain-resistant performance fabric will be your friend. It might also be a good idea to get your area rug professionally treated to make sure it's stain-resistant.

Good

Dining Table	\$1200
Chairs (8)	\$1000
Sideboard	\$500
Rug	\$1000
Wall Sconces (2)	\$300
Chandelier	\$700
Window	
Treatments	\$500
Wall Art	\$300
Décor	\$500
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$6000

Better

Dining Table	\$2500
Chairs (8)	\$2400
Sideboard	\$2000
Rug	\$2000
Wall Sconces (2)	\$600
Chandelier	\$2000
Window	
Treatments	\$1500
Wall Art	\$750
Décor	\$1000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$14,750

Best

Dining Table	\$6000
Chairs (8)	\$5600
Sideboard	\$4000
Rug	\$5000
Wall Sconces (2)	\$2000
Chandelier	\$4000
Window	
Treatments	\$2200
Wall Art	\$3000
Décor	\$2500
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$34,300



Bedroom

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Fun fact: one third of our lives are spent sleeping. That means having a comfortable bed is paramount! Invest in the best mattress you can for quality sleep. Since this is such a personal choice, I haven't listed prices for mattresses below. However, great bedding should be your second highest priority.

Good

Bed Frame	\$1000
Nightstand (2)	\$1000
Dresser	\$1200
Bench	\$400
Bedding	\$500
Accent Pillows	\$200
Rug	\$700
Table Lamps (2)	\$600
Chandelier	\$700
Window	
Treatments	\$500
Wall Art	\$500
Décor	\$500
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$7,800

Better

Bed Frame	\$2000
Nightstand (2)	\$1500
Dresser	\$2000
Bench	\$800
Bedding	\$1000
Accent Pillows	\$300
Rug	\$750
Table Lamps (2)	\$1000
Chandelier	\$2000
Window	
Treatments	\$1250
Wall Art	\$750
Décor	\$1000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$14,350

Best

Bed Frame	\$4000
Nightstand (2)	\$3000
Dresser	\$4000
Bench	\$1500
Bedding	\$2000
Accent Pillows	\$500
Rug	\$5000
Table Lamps (2)	\$2000
Chandelier	\$5000
Window	
Treatments	\$2200
Wall Art	\$3000
Décor	\$2500
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$34,700



Home Office

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With so many of us working from home these days, our home offices are becoming more and more crucial. First, consider a quality chair that you feel good sitting in all day. Secondly, invest in good lighting to help prevent tired eyes.

Good

Desk	\$650
Desk Chair	\$500
Credenza	\$500
Bookcase	\$300
Side Chair	\$150
Rug	\$200
Task Lamp	\$100
Ceiling Fixture	\$700
Window	
Treatments	\$300
Wall Art	\$300
Décor	\$500
Total	\$4,200

Better

Desk	\$2000
Desk Chair	\$850
Credenza	\$2000
Bookcase	\$1500
Side Chair	\$500
Rug	\$600
Task Lamp	\$200
Ceiling Fixture	\$2000
Window	
Treatments	\$1250
Wall Art	\$750
Décor	\$1000
Total	\$12,650

Best

Desk	\$3500
Desk Chair	\$2000
Credenza	\$4000
Bookcase	\$3000
Side Chair	\$750
Rug	\$4500
Task Lamp	\$500
Ceiling Fixture	\$5000
Window	
Treatments	\$2200
Wall Art	\$3000
Décor	\$2500
Total	\$30,950



Bathroom

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Good lighting will be your friend in the bathroom! We use this space to do a lot– applying makeup and shaving– so it’ll be important to see clearly. Another great thing to invest in are fluffy, absorbent towels. Poor quality towels won’t dry you off properly, which defeats the entire purpose!

Good

Vanity Lights (2)	\$300
Ceiling Fixture	\$300
Faucets (2)	\$500
Vanity	\$1000
Countertops	\$1000
Bath Linens	\$300
Mirrors (2)	\$500
Window	
Treatments	\$500
Accessories	\$300
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$4,700

Better

Vanity Lights (2)	\$900
Ceiling Fixture	\$300
Faucets (2)	\$1000
Vanity	\$2000
Countertops	\$2000
Bath Linens	\$600
Mirrors (2)	\$1000
Window	
Treatments	\$1250
Accessories	\$600
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$9,650

Best

Vanity Lights (2)	\$2000
Ceiling Fixture	\$1000
Faucets (2)	\$2000
Vanity	\$4000
Countertops	\$4000
Bath Linens	\$1000
Mirrors (2)	\$1500
Window	
Treatments	\$2200
Accessories	\$1000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$18,700

What's Next?

Now that you have a guideline as to what real design costs, it's time to create a budget you're comfortable with. Use the chart on the next page to plan out your own personal budget.

Begin by thinking through your highest priorities and map out spending on those pieces first. Next, look at how much you'd like to invest in the rest of the items. Once you've done both of these things, you can start to look at what's available at your desired price. Don't feel like you need to find all of these things at once. It's okay to find these things over time. The idea is that by having a budget in place, you can feel confident knowing your money is being spent wisely and in the right places. Note: It's perfectly fine (and highly likely) to go over budget on something you fall in love with, just make adjustments elsewhere in the budget to compensate!

Another tip when browsing, start by looking for pieces that inspire you or an item that will guide your design. Maybe there's a cool architectural lamp that catches your eye, or a statement rug you'd like to implement... you can then build your room around their lines, textures, colors, etc.

Decorating should be fun and exciting! Hopefully, by having a plan in place you can enjoy the process and make confident purchasing decisions.

Enjoy! And if you need more assistance with a design plan, I'm ready to partner with you! Please don't hesitate to reach out.

