

5 Essential Tips for Furnishing the Living Room



The living room is one of the most important spaces in just about any home. It's where you hang out with your family, and it's where you entertain your guests. Your living room is probably also the place where you spend the most of your time, even when you're all by yourself. Put simply, the living room has a tendency to be one of the most high-traffic, high-usage parts of the entire house, no matter whose home we're talking about. As such, the living room is an important thing to simply *get right*. [The proper furniture, the right kind of accessories and decor](#), and the proper color palette are often all it

takes to create a great-looking living room. Of course, all of these things seem so simple...but they can be surprisingly challenging to put together in exactly the right way. No sweat! We're going to talk about five essential tips that will help you furnish your living room in a way that you *and* your guests will absolutely love.

1. Keep It Simple!

Take our word for it when we say: it can be easy to overdo it when you're decorating your living room. It can be all too easy to keep going well past the point at which you have exactly enough. Good interior design is pleasing, but don't forget that old adage: "Good design is invisible." One of the most valuable qualities that an interior decorator can have is an understated touch. Practice restraint, and realize when you've achieved the look you're going for.



2. Remember the Essentials

Conventional wisdom says you're going to need at least three "conversation points" in your room, for the sake of entertaining company and encouraging conversation. Make sure you keep your living room nice and open, but also be sure to include at least enough places for three different people to sit, so they can all be looking at each other. This means you'll need a second place for someone to sit if you already have a couch that's big enough for at least two people. That third conversation point (and a table surface to balance things out and sit in the middle of the open space) is the definition of an "essential."

3. Color Coordinate

Even if you're working with an extremely simple color palette, you've still got to keep it in mind when you're picking out your furniture, accessories, and decor. Make sure, at the same time, not to over-complicate your color palette (remember rule number one: keep it simple). Go with a couple of colors that complement each other, but don't forget to keep it relatively subtle. The whole "bright colors" thing can be done well, but it's a little tricky.



4. Modular and Multi-Purpose for the Win

Modular furniture, when you can find it, is one of the absolute best things to have in just about any home. Multi-purpose furniture not only saves money, but adds an interesting touch, in addition to having a tendency to be a good conversation starter. Not to mention the fact that it saves you a ton of space when you have one piece of furniture that can adapt to multiple functions.

5. Express Yourself!

No matter what you do it's important that you remember to stick with what you love. Pick the colors, shapes, designs, and ideas that really resonate with *you*. Pour yourself into your living room: after all, it's a place where you and your friends are going to spend a considerable amount of time. With these tips and a good bit of self-expression, you'll be well on your way to having one of the coolest living rooms on the entire street.