

The Biggest Decorating Mistake You Can Make

If you were visiting an unfamiliar town, would you prefer to try to find your destination with, or *without* a map?

Would you like your architect to build your home with, or *without* blueprints?

The same principle holds true in decorating. The worst mistake you can make is to try to decorate without a plan. Truly, the “design” is virtually doomed from the start. When you try to put your space together piecemeal, picking up random items here and there, and HOPING they work together (or that you'll *find* a place for them!), you end up with a room that feels more like a hodge-podge than a haven, never cohesive or finished. After all, how do you know what “finished” looks like, if you never had a goal in mind?



The number one reason I get calls for consultations is that someone has decorated him or herself into a corner, and doesn't know how to get out!

You probably know someone (maybe it's you) who is forever rearranging their spaces, and switching things around – often even the fundamental elements like furniture or drapery. Usually these people will say something like, “Oh, I just can't leave things the same for too long, “ or, “I just love to find new stuff!” I say to you, based on YEARS of experience, that 99 times out of 100, the reason this person can't stop is because the room never feels FINISHED. Why? Because they had no plan – they have no idea what they're trying to achieve! While they wouldn't necessarily be able to identify it as such, they sense that incompleteness, and are constantly trying to remedy it.

A finished room doesn't need you to DO anything, except come, sit down, and enjoy the space. You're not supposed to be spending your precious time worrying about the décor, you're supposed to be LIVING in it, and a finished room supports that goal.

Clearly then, another hazard of decorating without a plan is the near inevitable waste of money. By the time you give up purchasing this, swapping out that, and adding layers of STUFF, you end up easily spending double or triple what was necessary (or MORE).

Going back to our earlier examples, when you have a fully crafted design, it acts as your road map, or blueprint, to the finished look. Know how you want the room to feel and to function, and let this guide you to the pieces you'll need. By choosing all of your colors, textures, and fabrics BEFORE you purchase, you'll stay in control of the design AND the budget. You'll know what you are trying to achieve, allowing you to make intelligent buying decisions, and ultimately bringing the final product to life quickly, efficiently, and cost effectively.

The primary goal of a professional decorator is to craft a total design for your space – including the furniture pieces, fabrics, colors, window treatments, lighting, art, accessories, floor coverings, storage needs, organization, and anything else the room requires – such that you know where you're going every step of the way, even if you're working in phases... No wasted time, no wasted money. That's what we provide for you when you purchase a design from www.onlinehomedecorating.com... at a tiny fraction of what you'd pay to hire a decorator.

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