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These Are the 50 Best Living Room Ideas We've Ever Seen



A living room is many things all at once: a place to receive guests, a place to gather with family, and sometimes even a place to eat dinner as you catch up on your shows. We don't judge. For those reasons (and many others), decorating a living room can be a real challenge. Do you make it formal and perfect for entertaining? Or do you make it casual, kid-friendly, and covered in easy-to-clean fabrics? Should you go for a timeless traditional style or make it more modern and trend-forward? We think you can have it both ways, and these designers can prove it.

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"When selecting living room furniture, I always look for comfortable seating, functional yet stylish accent tables, high performance fabrics and multi-level lighting," Jennifer Backstein of [Jennifer Backstein Interiors](#) tells MyDomaine. See? Best of both worlds.

From eclectic and casual living areas to rooms fit for entertaining and relaxing, these gorgeous designer spaces make a great case for redecorating your living room, like today.

Keep scrolling for our favorite living room ideas straight from the pros.

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When you've been given the gift of gorgeous windows, sometimes it makes sense to leave them untouched by window treatments.

"When designing the living room, I wanted to create a space that felt open, light, and fresh," Victoria Bell of [Victoria Bell Design](#) explains. "The combination of the vaulted ceilings, beams, and oversized sectional is the perfect recipe for a relaxed Sunday with the family."

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34 Small Apartment Ideas That Will Make the Most of Your Square Footage



As anyone who lives in a small space knows, giving up square footage may come with a few sacrifices when it comes to decor. Sure, you may not be able to splurge for that extra-large sectional, or those dreams of owning a floor-to-ceiling bookshelf just may need to be tabled for now, but the good news is that a small living room can be just as inviting as a larger one. In fact, decorating a small apartment can actually be easier than trying to fill a cavernous space (not to mention, much cheaper).

The first step to decorating a small apartment is to throw out any of those "rules" you've always lived by—yes, you can use dark paint in a small space, and no, you don't have to stick to a minimalist design. While there are tips and tricks to make the most of your square footage, there are few hard-and-fast rules you can't bend.

Here, we've rounded up our favorite small apartment ideas to help inspire you, even if your square footage is lacking.

04 Keep Shelves Clean

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The last thing you want in a small apartment is clutter. And that can be difficult, especially if your small space lacks closet storage. But before you overstuff your bookshelves, consider keeping them streamlined and minimal so they don't overwhelm your small space.

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Hanging curtains the right way is definitely a step in the right direction, but why not ditch the curtains altogether? If you have enough privacy to forgo heavy curtains, opt for a wooden shade or roller blind instead to ensure the most sunlight hits your space every day.