



# Preparing for a Room Design

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## Lesson 2





# Steps to starting a Room design

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- Declutter/organizing
- Use of Space
- Layout
- What items are needed to complete your space for function and design.
- Deciding on Color
- Creating a Design Board/Mood Boards
- Budget
- Accessories

# Decluttering

- Sticky Note Challenge
- Start with one room at a time.
- Categorize the items in the room with:
- Stay
- Move to another room
- Toss
- Donate
- Sell (FB Marketplace)
- Repurpose







# Use of the space

- What is the room going to be used for?
- The room's purpose can change with your new lifestyle or family changes/ room function
- A room is allowed to have more function it's just about it all being in its own place. For example: guest room/office, playroom/gym, dining room/homeschool room.

# Layout

- Decide on the layout of your space once you know the function. Keep in mind a few things...
- Conversation
- Focal point(s)
- Walking space
- Work for your daily needs and entertaining needs
- Even if you do not know the exact pieces yet for this space envision the items that will be helpful for the room function and design.
- Think about the pieces that you already have on hand and how they can fit into this layout.




# Think about these items for the space

- Shape of tables
- Sectional vs sofa & arms chairs
- Ottomans (for extra seating, storage)
- Additional tables to place a drink or book
- Lighting
- Artwork
- Focal Point? (TV, fireplace, furniture piece)







Consider the  
Corners of the  
room



Design with  
Function & Style



Work with a  
Focal Point



# Deciding on Color

-This creates a room's personality

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- Inspiration for your color influence:
  - Wallpaper
  - Painting/picture
  - Rug
  - Color Scheme
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# Design Board

- When starting a full room or house makeover using a Design board will keep you organized
- You can bring a room together and see how they look together cohesively before making a purchase or painting a wall.
- Help you from swaying in the middle of a design especially if it takes time to evolve (this is not HGTV show)



# Mood boards

- You can also consider a mood board for when you don't have total vision yet for the space but want to get a feel for a room.
- Grab items, colors, artwork, flowers, etc to make a mood board come to life for your vision.





# Budget

- Before totally diving into a makeover you want to consider the budget for a space.
- What to splurge on (larger items in the room or ones that need to stand up to wear and tear)
- *The quality of a room will show through on those large pieces.*
- What can you use that you already have (to save money)
- Consider adding to a room over time which can be outside your “makeover” budget. (accessories, curtains, artwork)



# Biggest Impact

- When you don't have the budget or time to do a full makeover what should you consider?
- Lighting & Paint- always makes the biggest impact!
- Lighting- updated light fixture & dimmers
- "Staging" with items you already have
- Accessorizing to make a space feel more cohesive. (compliment or hide)





# A few things to consider...

- Function of a space
- What are the quirks of the room and how to embrace them (ex. Odd nooks, tiles you cannot change, the shape of the room, etc.)
- How the room works with the rooms around it- transitioning well!
- Does the Pinterest photo work for my home and lifestyle?
- What items to choose for function and what items for beauty? YOU CAN HAVE BOTH!
- Do not settle, design a room you love! (unless timing is not right)
- Make items in the room you don't love Work! Ex. Tablecloth hide an ugly table, large curtains around a tiny window, if it is a rental work with the color on the walls and not against them, update even the smallest details.
- Consider the view from the chair in the room (are the pictures hung too high, does it function well for lounging, what are the focal points)
- Budget- where to splurge and where not to



# Recap

- First you must decide what can stay and what HAS TO GO!
- What is the use of the room for your lifestyle?
- Consider the layout before anything else
- Decide on Color for the space inspired by an item or color scheme
- Rely on a Design or Mood board
- Design a room that works in your current space not the Pinterest image. Recognize the quirks and work with the items you can not change even if that requires hiding, disguising, repurposing.
- DO NOT SETTLE!
- Always have a budget
- All else fails update the paint and lighting!