



Accessories – now that the furniture, window treatments and rugs are just what you want, don't stop there! Accessorizing is the most important step, adding the personality and interest to a room.

When accessorizing a room, try removing all the accessories to begin. Live with the room as it is for several days and then begin adding just the things you really love. You'll be pleased with the results. Take photos of the room and the accessories you are using so you'll have a reference point when shopping for additional or new accessories. Remember that less is more.

1. **Grouping** – grouping similar items together will make a statement – remember that odd numbers is more pleasing to the eye. Tables are great spots for placing groups of collectibles and accessories that work well together.
2. **Wall Grouping** – arrange your artwork on the floor in front of the wall where you intend to hang it to give you a perspective on how it will look.
3. **Art and Architectural Pieces** – add texture, color and flair – don't be afraid to mix contemporary art with traditional furnishings.
4. **Art** – hang your art pieces between fifty-four and sixty-seven inches from the floor. Art placed over a sofa should be nine inches higher than the back.
5. **Mirrors** – make sure the reflection is worth seeing.
6. **Do the unexpected.**
7. **Entry Area** - pay special attention to accessorizing an entry – it sets the tone for the entire house.
8. **Pillow and throws** can shift the tone of a room quickly and easily.
9. **Bowls** filled with decorative items can add an interesting touch.
10. **Decorative boxes** make interesting accessories regardless of the material they are made of.
11. **Allow an exceptional piece to stand alone** when it is warranted.
12. **Flowers and plants** (real or faux) add life to any room – in moderation.