



## How to pull together a great looking room

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OK, so you are ready for your home to feel more pulled together. You long for better comfort, maybe more function, and of course, you want your home to be appealing to the eye. So how do you do it? Where do you start? Here are my 10 best tips for creating a great room!

### 1. Ambience

Start by asking yourself how you want to feel in the room. Is this a room for relaxation, or rather, a room where you will be doing a lot of entertaining? Think about how you want your guests to feel when they enter the house. Then try to narrow down with a few key words the style you want the room to have, like “earthy modern”, or “European traditional”, etc



*This is a picture of my own living room. My style for this room was “Casual elegance”.*

### 2. Function

Look at what you are planning on doing in the room. This will help determine what furniture pieces and arrangements you will need.

### 3. Color

Decide on an overall color palette, which will be reflected in furniture pieces and accessories. The wall color is also important, but sometimes it is better to wait and pick a wall color until you have decided on the overall colors.

### 4. Scale

It is very important to pay attention to the scale of a room and the pieces you are planning to put into it. A too small sofa will never look right in a too tall and large room, no matter how pretty it is. Same goes for too large in a small room.

### 5. Floor

If you are replacing the floor, here is your chance to really set the tone of the room. The floor is the base for the room, and will affect the feel of the space. If you are working with an existing floor you don't care for, use area rugs to create your desired feel.

### 6. Walls

Pay attention to the walls, and select wall colors and art. Don't be afraid to try something unusual, like a bold color or textured wallpaper. The art also really sets the tone of the room, and should be scaled appropriately.



*This is my son's Sam's room. He loves his tangerine walls, that looks balanced together with the different shades of blues.*

### 7. Window treatments

Don't forget the windows. The nicest looking windows have a combination of hard treatments (shutters or blinds) and soft treatments (curtains). For a formal looking room, choose a more formal window treatment and for a more casual feel, maybe just a valance, or two straight panels.

### 8. Lighting

All great rooms need a combination of lighting, from overall light to task and ambience lighting. Try to vary the height of the light, and have some light sources come from high, some from low, and some from in the middle.

## 9. Pattern

Bring in some pattern into the room, in the forms of fabrics and accessories.



*A wall treatment in my home with a collection of framed fabrics and postcards which provides interest by using various patterns and shapes.*

## 10. Texture

Think about using a variety of different textures in a room. Something shiny, something rough, etc. This way the room feels more alive and interesting.



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