

GUIDE TO TRANSFORM

YOUR HOME INTERIOR

WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

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Abstract

Finding your personal home style in Perth is a tricky thing. You can spend hours online looking at inspiration images and taking style quizzes and still not be quite be sure. Interior design styles aren't just about aesthetics and color palettes, although those are often how we tell them apart. Most design styles are a product of the lifestyles and innovations of the time period when they became popular.

Understanding how these styles came to be, as well as what aesthetic choices set them apart, will help you narrow down just what style, or styles, will work best for you in your home in Perth.

1. Introduction

Dive into our guide to transform your home interior on a budget in Perth with ease. Discover practical tips and creative solutions to elevate your living space without straining finances. From savvy shopping strategies to DIY projects, unlock the secrets to achieving style and comfort without breaking the bank.

2. How Have Digital Platforms Changed Interior Design?

There was a time when interior designers in Perth needed to have an eye for color, a competitive knowledge of roman blinds, a love of décor and, most importantly, an ability to have their visions bring life to someone else's home. However, in recent times, the world of global interior design has changed drastically. Interior designers are now required to have the basic skill sets from previous years and have a knowledge of software and an up-to-date background for using computer-aided design tools. They are also expected to have a vast knowledge of material selection, the construction process and much more.

Digital platforms in Perth are also impacting interior designing trends as most people use apps such as Pinterest or Instagram for their inspiration. As these platforms are the source of distributing information and are used by users all across the world, people from different cultures have learned to appreciate the same things. These apps allow ideas to spread faster, and people globally have started turning to designers for similar projects. Hence, a sense of unification is becoming a dominating trend.

These apps and massive multinational marketplaces that have branches worldwide, such as Wayfair, also affect the dynamics of interior designing, as well as platforms like ArchDaily or Dezeen. They give the same opportunity to customers worldwide to choose from various options and create new combinations with or without a designer. To add to the globalization of trends, the globalization of designers is also taking place. Any designer can work for any client through online consultations.

Visualization tools are improving at a hasty rate, and hence, visualization now has become a tool but not a service that only professionals provide. The vast majority of people nowadays can do their own interior designing and use these tools that were only available for highly paid designers to design their homes at a lower cost.

So the profession of interior designing in Perth is slightly adjusting to the fact that people now require a more custom solution for their homes. With the advent of affordable visualization tools, people started designing projects on their own, free of any hefty costs. The tools we have in the new age and

time allow people to view their design's end product, which lets them tweak any changes if needed. It can make your home more homely, more tech-savvy or even more elegant in style, whatever your definition of home is. In older times, there was no way to see the future outcome of the design, but now there is.



Some people in Perth believe that modern designs lack the culture and values of the homeowners with everyone following the same trends. It led to the modern designs being homogenized. Every design has its own origins, but people start mixing them. And the quick information exchange has led to a point with a few regions having their original design concepts. However, easy-to-use platforms are a much more convenient way for people to design their homes without a professional, even if their work reeks of amateurism.

Visualization tools have entirely eradicated the signs of ultimately consigned manual drawings in the new age. But there will surely be more technologies that will completely change the outlook of interior designs. Virtual reality already exists. It gives a real-life view of what designs you are trying to achieve. But these technologies are not available to the masses. They require hefty power sources for an excellent full-fledged VR experience. This probably will change in the near future at the rate at which technology is progressing, and the masses will also have a way to access a full-scale and uncompromised virtual reality.

Shortly, the interior design process in Perth could be summed up as when a client requests the changes in a scenario, the designer sends them a link to see all options and changes the client requested with the help of the VR glasses. The client may even be able to touch and feel the fabric or see how different wallpaper designs would look in their apartment and then be able to choose the best to their liking.

Interior design is one of those fields that organically fits into VR and AR technologies. It will completely change the interaction between the customer and the designer. Probably drawings and pictures will be replaced by VR-based assistance. But some of us still believe people in the future will want to print

out or look at the screen because people like to touch something physically, which is one of our six human senses. Considering the rate at which the technology is advancing, the future might even bring something more exciting in terms of interior designing, which we cannot foresee at the moment.

The adoption of these technologies enables designers to collaborate with their clients faster. That's the overarching trend of consumers wanting faster interactions with any business in Perth. Whether it's a designer sending you an update of your future home or a bank sending you a decision on the mortgage, you want the answer right now, not in two weeks. The faster you can communicate, the more likely you are to retain them for longer. Also, businesses should always think about adopting new tech to improve the customer experience. Most designers still aren't aware that the project they build in AutoCAD can be rendered by Unreal Engine, letting users virtually walk around. Would it make selling your vision simpler? Sure. And it doesn't cost anything. The tech has never been more accessible; businesses just need to look for it proactively.

3. How to Choose Interior Color Schemes You'll Love

Color can transform a plain room into a striking space. Follow our tips for selecting a color scheme for your home in Perth.

Interior color choices are highly subjective, which means there's no right or wrong way to select a color scheme for your space. You don't necessarily have to follow design theories or the color wheel to create a successful combination. The most important consideration is finding a color palette that feels right to you. The following tips on choosing an interior color scheme will help you fill rooms with shades that beautifully reflect your personal style.

How to Choose an Interior Color Scheme

When planning a room's color scheme, resist the temptation to select the paint color first. Instead, because paint is inexpensive and can be matched to virtually any color, it's best to start your color search with room elements that are less flexible, such as furniture, fabrics, tile, or wallpaper. Then base your paint colors on those elements. Here are some ideas on how to narrow down your color choices.

1. Find Inspiration for Your Color Scheme

For an easy way to create a color scheme, base your choices on an image or item you love. This could be a piece of artwork, an area rug, a photo you saw online, or a patterned fabric that appeals to you. Pull out specific shades within the design and apply them to your decorating choices. Pay attention to the proportions of each shade to recreate a similarly balanced interior color scheme.

2. Consider Color Value

As you choose colors, don't forget to consider the value, which refers to the lightness or darkness of a hue. A mix of values within your color scheme helps to keep a multi-hue palette from looking chaotic. Try selecting one dark color, one light color, and one bright color in each room. The color that acts as the room's dominant hue depends on your preference. "Go for your comfort level," says Mark Woodman, interior designer and board member of the Color Marketing Group. "Choose clean and bright or soft and subtle."



3. Plan Your Home's Color Scheme

If you're wary of color, map it out first. Draw a plan of your home and list what will be in each room, such as the carpet, wall colors, and furniture. Gather swatches or paint chips that represent the colors of those items. Assess the spaces for both positive and negative attributes; write them down. Find focal points from the list of positive traits.

You should also consider how one room will flow into the next, what mood you want, and the items to be incorporated into the palette. Plan the house one room at a time. For an easy whole-home color palette, try using one color in different proportions in all rooms: as a wall color in one room and accent in another.

4. Consider How Light Affects Colors

Pay attention to the impact of lighting. Color is a reflection of light, so the kind and amount of light in a room will significantly impact a color scheme. Experiment with how natural light or light from lamps and recessed fixtures affects color in fabrics, paint, furniture, and other surfaces.

Daylight is considered the perfect light source because it has nearly uniform intensity over the entire visible spectrum of colors. Natural light changes from sunrise to sunset as the sun's rays travel through varying amounts of atmosphere. When considering a color scheme for a particular room, spend some time in the space throughout the day, noting how the shifting light affects it. For example, a room with only northern exposure receives less daylight than other rooms in the home. A warm color palette would be effective in softening shadows and react well to more hours of artificial light in a room like that.

Incandescent lamps emit a redder and warmer light than sunlight. Fluorescent lamps, on the other hand, generally create a bluer, cooler light. When selecting colors for a room that is used primarily before sunrise or after sunset, choose the colors only under the lighting used in the room. Keep in

mind that any color with white in it will reflect the colors that surround it. A white wall, for example, will take on the reflections from carpeting, ceiling color, and even furnishings.

How to Apply Your Interior Color Scheme

Adding color to a room doesn't have to mean a long-term relationship with a chosen hue. If you prefer a neutral background, there are many ways to add color with small touches or bursts of a selected color scheme. Fabrics and textiles such as rugs, pillows, throws (similar to this Better Homes & Gardens Pink Velvet Plush Throw, \$14, Walmart), and window treatments are the perfect elements for inviting color in and can add pattern and texture as well. Artwork brings in color and personality at the same time. Accessories and personal collections can act as colorful accents in your room. And don't forget the lively hues of natural elements like flowers and fruit. Grouped in vases or bowls, they create a colorful mass in any space.

While neutrals might seem safe, there are many benefits to using color in your home. Color can unite disparate furnishings styles and works well for renewing worn or outdated furniture. A fresh, unexpected pop of color can turn a dull room into a stylish, personalized space. Using color can also manipulate your sense of space. A small room can seem larger with light colors; a large room will shrink with a darker shade on the walls. You can visually lower a ceiling with a dark color and raise it with a light one.

How to Choose a Color Scheme for Open Floor Plans

Choosing a color scheme in an open floor plan where several rooms connect can be trickier. You don't necessarily have to dress every space in the same tones, but the color scheme should appear cohesive from room to room. When transitioning between colors, let architecture guide you. Look for corners and transition areas for natural places to stop and start a paint color or wall treatment, such as wallpaper. For an accent, apply color to a self-contained wall.

Use your chosen color scheme to help define distinct spaces within an open plan. For example, delineate an area with molding and use paint within that space for a block of color. To break up endless walls, separate a long stretch with a bookcase, screen, or shelving. Cover the back of the casework with colorful wallpaper or contrasting paint color, and paint or upholster the screen.

You can also distinguish spaces with rugs. A dining area might be grounded with a color-banded sisal rug, while furniture could be grouped around a multicolor wool area rug in an adjacent living area.

You might also consider applying a monochromatic scheme in an open-concept layout. Change the value of a color from space to space to define the areas. Another option is to use three colors for your interior color scheme. Apply one color on all the walls, then select another color for the trim throughout the space and a third color for the ceiling.

4. Interior Design Styles and How to Know Which Best Suits You

Our homes are personal—and they should reflect our interests, desires, and styles. However, it's not always easy to get a clear grasp on how our personal style can translate into home design. While you may be pretty confident picking out an outfit to wear, when it comes to choosing which sofa goes with which coffee table or picking a color palette for the living room, a lot us end up feeling a bit out of our depths. A major part of developing that skillset and comfort with your home design, however, is simply

a matter of knowing what you like—and knowing what it's called. Having the vocabulary and terminology for different interior design styles can be a major help when you're shopping for and decorating your space.



So, we've compiled a guide to 10 popular interior design styles so you can better determine which ones best suit you and your home in Perth.

Traditional

Traditional interior design can have a very classic and timeless feel to it. It stems from 18th- and 19th-century British and French designs and is characterized by ornately detailed dark wood, curved furniture details, and elegant upholstery and window coverings. Traditional interior design can feel formal at times, but it can easily be mixed with modern pieces to keep the look fresh. This interior design style works especially well for people who love and appreciate antiques and enjoy mixing old and new.

Modern

Modern interior design in Perth is often misunderstood to just mean "current." (That would actually be contemporary design.) But, in reality, this design style originated in the late 19th to early 20th century and is rooted in a larger design and art movement, closely tied to the design aesthetics and philosophies of Bauhaus, a German art school. Clean lines, minimal decor, simple forms, neutral color palettes—generally no-fuss living spaces—are all key characteristics of modern interior design.

Transitional

Now for a combination of the previous two. You've probably seen examples of this interior design style countless times before but just didn't know what to call it. Transitional design is perfect a marriage of traditional and modern design styles. Furniture pieces in this style borrow curved accents from

traditional design while keeping overall form minimal and geometric. The slight flair of this style makes it feel more elegant than full-modern style, while the lack of excess decor and ornamentation make it a pared-down relative to traditional style.

Mid-Century Modern

Mid-century modern design has become one of the most easily recognizable interior design styles, thanks to its many resurgences in the past couple of decades. This style was birthed in the mid-1900s and was responsible for many iconic designs that are still prominent today—like the classic Eames lounge chair and ottoman, the Noguchi table, the Cesca chair, and many more. Key characteristics of mid-century modern design include clean lines and organic shapes, warm, earthy tones, and natural elements. (If you're a houseplant lover, mid-century modern design pairs great with lots of greenery.)

Industrial

You've probably seen this style in a local coffee shop or co-working space, but it has a place in interior design too. As the name implies, industrial interior design in Perth is inspired by elements you're likely to find in industrial buildings, like metal, concrete, brick, and pipes. This interior design style is often influenced by the existing architecture of a home. For example, a loft apartment with exposed brick or a barndominium home with exposed beams would lend themselves well to this decor style.

Minimalism

Minimalism is a bit harder to define as an interior design style because, technically, a lot of design styles can be done in a minimalistic way. However, minimalist design can be tied the a larger minimalistic art movement that happened after World War II and it's also said to be a response to the overly ornate design and architecture styles (like Victorian architecture) from the preceding years. Minimalist interior design, which takes influences from Japanese and Scandinavian interiors, features clean lines, simple, sometimes sculptural forms, airy layouts, and the overall philosophy of "less is more." If you have a strong aversion to cluttered spaces and prefer solid colors over prints and patterns, you may be a minimalist.

Art Deco

A stark contrast to minimalism, Art Deco is all about showy, not-so-humble interiors. Art Deco, short for Arts Décoratifs, was most popular from the 1920s to 1940s, and was more interested in decorative expression than simplistic function. Key elements of Art Deco design include geometric motifs, rich materials and surfaces, like lacquer, mirror, and brass, and bold and moody color palettes. In modern examples, you can see Art Deco design represented in interiors through velvet upholstered accent chairs, lots of gold and metallic accents, and glamorous statement lighting. If you wish you lived in The Great Gatsby set, your style might be Art Deco.

Modern Farmhouse

If you know who Chip and Joanna Gaines are, you know about modern farmhouse style. While the Fixer Upper stars didn't invent the style, they've certainly helped popularize it in the past decade. Classic farmhouse style is more rustic and warm, modern farmhouse often features more black and white accents with more sleek and contemporary design elements. Of course, antiques and reclaimed wood still have their place in this interior design style, but just in smaller moments. Modern farmhouse interior design pairs well with homes that have bright, airy, open layouts—and bonus points for high, exposed-beam ceilings! (Shabby chic, which features more traditional and feminine elements, is a close relative to modern and classic farmhouse style.)

Coastal

Coastal interior design style takes its inspiration from, yes, you guessed it, the coast. With this interior design style, you'll find color palettes inspired by sandy beaches and ocean blues, along with natural textures weaved in and breezy, relaxed decor. But don't get this style mistaken for coastal-themed design. Coastal style is a more loose interpretation of the essence of seaside living, rather than literal examples—like shell motifs and anchor art.

Eclectic

Eclectic interior design style doesn't fit into just one category. It's a grab-bag of interior design styles that depends largely on the person curating the home. Eclectic design can be bold, playful, and down-to-earth all at the same time, with an emphasis on home decor that's meaningful and has been collected over time. With this style, you're likely to find a mixture of any combination of the above design styles—accented with lots of personal flair.

5. Types of Curtains and How to Choose One



Curtains and window treatments in general are an often overlooked but essential component of a room. Besides their practical function of blocking out light, they act as the final finishing layer that completes a space—they are a great way to add a splash of color and a pop of pattern. There are countless different types of curtains available on the market—they come in different styles, lengths, and materials, and some are best suited for one room in your home versus another. Use our comprehensive guide below to choose the right type of curtains for your home in Perth.

Blackout Curtains

Best for: bedrooms

Blackout curtains completely block out light and allow for complete darkness to promote a good night's sleep. They have a lining that's thickly woven and doesn't allow for any light to filter through. Besides regulating light, blackout curtains also help with temperature regulation and keep drafts out in the winter and hot air in the summer. This set from Deconovo is a great example.

Curtains With Tiebacks

Best for: bedrooms and living rooms

Curtain tiebacks are a decorative and practical addition to window panels. They typically come with the curtains and are made from the same material—you'll also see them made from woven cords and embellished with tassels, or made from a complementing fabric or pattern. They are kept in place with two loops on either end secured in a hook on the wall.

Pleated Panel Curtains

Best for: formal living spaces and bedrooms

If you want to add an elegant and slightly dressy look to your windows, pleated panel curtains are a beautiful choice. The pleats are made from multiple fabric folds bunched together to create fullness and they gently hang in a uniform fashion for a timeless and sophisticated feel.

Single Panel Curtains

Best for: small windows, a modern look

A smaller window may only require one curtain panel instead of two. It's typically made from one continuous piece of fabric, and you can always purchase two panels for either side of the window, or even double up on panels on both sides for larger windows or sliding doors.

Double Panel Curtains

Best for: bay windows, French and sliding doors

As the name suggests, double curtain panels are formed from two single panels on each side of the window. When purchasing your window treatments, make sure to carefully read the product description to see whether it contains one or two panels.

Pinch Pleat Curtains

Best for: formal living spaces and bedrooms

If you're looking for curtains in Perth with a little bit of extra detailing, pinch pleat curtains will add a decorative touch to your windows. A classic pinch pleat is made from three tight fabric folds that form a fan-like detail at the top of the curtain panel, with the pleats gently fanning out toward the ground.

Grommet Curtains

Best for: windows where you frequently open and close the curtains

Grommet curtains are easy to open and close quickly thanks to how well they slide along the rod. The panels have round metal rings built into the top part that eliminate the need for curtain rings since the

rod slides directly through the holes punched into the fabric. These curtains create a clean, modern, and uncluttered look that's perfect for streamlined, contemporary, and transitional spaces.



Cafe Curtains

Best for: kitchens and bathrooms

Cafe curtains differ from other types of curtains in that they only cover the bottom portion of the window, therefore allowing light to filter in through the top part while still providing privacy. They can easily be installed using a small tension rod instead of a permanent rod, and are most commonly used in spaces such as kitchens and bathrooms.

Tab Top Curtains

Best for: informal spaces

Tab top curtains are designed with loops at the top that are made from the same fabric as the panel and that hang directly from a curtain rod. Like grommet and rod pocket curtains, they don't require curtain rings, and sometimes instead of sewn-on loops, they have sewn-on ties that add an extra decorative feature to them.

Floor Length Curtains

Best for: living spaces, bedrooms

To visually extend the height of the ceiling and to make a room feel larger, use floor-length curtains. People tend to hang curtains way too low which makes the ceiling appear low and heavy, so the general rule of thumb is to hang them two-thirds of the way between the window and ceiling, closer to the ceiling.

Apron Length Curtains

Best for: kitchens, bathrooms, and rooms where the space under the window is blocked

Apron-length curtains fall just below the window sill. They are generally not as popular as they were in decades past, but they are a good choice for spaces that have a piece of furniture or a heater directly under the window.

Puddle Length Curtains

Best for: living spaces and bedrooms

Puddling refers to the length of the curtain panel—instead of just touching the ground or having a one-inch break, puddle-length curtains literally "puddle" on the ground to create a dramatic yet soft look. The only drawback to this style of curtains is that they can collect a lot of dust resulting in the need for more frequent washing.

Light Filtering Curtains

Best for: rooms where you don't need complete darkness

Light-filtering curtains aren't completely see-through like sheer curtains are, but they let in much more light than room-darkening or blackout curtains. They provide a little bit of privacy and block direct sunlight while allowing plenty of light to filter in. They are made from thinner, loosely woven fabrics that are lightweight, usually cotton or polyester.

Window Scarf Curtains

Best for: traditional-style and formal rooms

You will mainly see window scarf curtains in traditional-style rooms, their fabric often coordinating or matching the upholstery in the room. These curtains are typically made from three pieces—two curtain panels and a decorative valance on top that drapes over the panels like a scarf.

Choosing Curtains

To choose the right type of curtains for your home, go through a checklist of questions to narrow down your choice. First, consider what room they will hang in; for example, the type of curtains you choose for a bedroom will be very different from those you would need for a kitchen window. Velvet curtains, for instance, can add a designer look to even small bedrooms. Then, decide how much light you want them to filter through, whether you will be sleeping in the room and need to block out all light like blackout curtains do, or you want them to softly diffuse sunlight like light-filtering curtains do. Keep the style of your home in mind to help them blend in, take careful measurements, and follow this hanging guide to hang curtains like a designer.

6. How To Clean Curtains Without Taking Them Down

Curtains are the most elegant home décor elements, providing functional and aesthetic values. These window treatments can help you insulate your home, promote privacy, and control the natural light. Unfortunately, curtains tend to trap pollen, dust particles, pet dander, and allergens, and also witness stains over time due to regular wear and tear. These can trigger various health-related problems, such

as coughing, hay fever, sneezing, sore throat, etc. The worst part is that people overlook dirty curtains because they find it laborious to take them down for thorough cleaning. If you are also one of those who are always under a time crunch but want to maintain a clean and tidy home, then this guide is for you. Below is a step-by-step guide to help you clean curtains without taking them down. Use proper tools and eco-friendly cleaning products to keep the indoor environment clean and hygienic. Let's Get Started!



Shake Your Curtains Down

This is one of the easiest ways to dislodge the loose dirt, dust and debris accumulated on your curtains. It is good to shake down your curtains from the top of the rod (attached to the wall) and steadily go down. This is a perfect cleaning hack for busy parents and working professionals. Use a ladder and place it firmly against the wall to prevent an injury.

Vacuum And Brush To Trap Pollen And Dust Particles

Make sure you use a handheld vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter and a long attachment to clean your curtains without taking them down. This can fetch 99.9 per cent of germs, dirt, and other allergens with ease. Professionals also vacuum curtains and blinds thoroughly when performing a professional vacate cleaning Perth. With the right approach and method, you can easily remove loose debris and dirt that is embedded into the nooks and crannies at the top or between the pleats of your curtain. If you are allergic to dust or pollen, then wear a surgical face mask and gloves before getting into the process.

Use A Lint Roller To Get Rid Of Small Fibres

Tackling lint or small fibres is a strenuous task as they are resistant to hovering and shaking. Instead of using any fancy or expensive tool, you can use a lint roller to eliminate embedded lint fibres. The best part is you don't need to pull down the curtain because a lint roller comes with an extendable handle

to help you reach top surfaces with ease. Go over each part of your curtain and let other members of your family pull it flat when you are running the roller to achieve quick results.

Steam Clean Your Curtains For Stubborn Stains

If you don' want to take your curtains down for washing, you can use a steam cleaning process. It can help you get rid of stubborn stains, grime, mould and mildew without causing any damage to the surface. You can steam clean your carpets, upholstery and other delicate surfaces with ease. However, it is important to check the care level before getting into the process. Avoid using it if your curtains have fragile embellishments or the fabric is too delicate. Here is a step-by-step guide to help you steam clean like a pro:

Fill the steam cleaner with water and a cleaning solution according to the instructions mentioned in the manuals

Turn on the machine and move it up and down the curtain.

Overlap the strokes to break down stubborn stains.

Use a clean cloth and wipe away using a white vinegar solution

Repeat the process if required and steam clean all the sides.

If you are exiting from a rental property, hire professional vacate cleaners in Perth. They will take your curtains down and wash them in warm water. Trained professionals will also clean other areas according to the standard checklist to help you get your bond back.

Deodorise Them Thoroughly

Steam cleaning can remove stains and bad odours with ease. However, if there are still unwanted smells, you can deodorise by creating eco-friendly cleaning products. Mix one cup of baking soda with a few drops of your favourite essential oil. Baking soda has the potential to kill germs and lingering smells with ease. Let this mixture sit overnight, and hover up the baking soda residue the next day.

Let Your Windows Breathe Properly

This is the last step that will prevent your curtains from bad smells and mould infestation. Just like humans, curtains also need fresh air to breathe. It is good to give your delicate window treatments good wafting by opening your windows and doors. This can also boost the indoor air quality and improve the health of your family. If you are preparing for a tenancy, contact the best people for a quality vacate cleaning Perth and pass the rental inspection without getting into any dispute.

Promote a clean indoor environment by keeping your curtains clean and dust-free. This guide will help you clean your dirty curtains without taking them down. All you need is a ladder, a vacuum machine with a brush attachment, a lint roller, a steam cleaner, baking soda and essential oils, and you are good to go.

7. Conclusion

Conclude your journey to a budget-friendly home transformation with our guide. Armed with practical insights and inventive ideas, you're poised to revitalize your living space without financial strain. Embrace newfound style and comfort while preserving your wallet. Your home's refreshed ambiance awaits, showcasing your ingenuity and flair for design.

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