

DON'T MAKE THESE 5 MISTAKES!

1. **Scale and Proportion:** You never want everything in a room to be on the same level or the same size. Different heights/sizes in your furnishings, art placement and window treatments are ways to make sure this doesn't happen. Some people put too many small things in one room and eventually makes it look like clutter. Some people put too many large bulky items in one room making it look stuffed and small. Proper scale is a mixture of different shapes, heights & sizes. That's where we come in! With the right scale your room is well on its way towards success!
2. **Shop Around and Budget:** Say no to Impulse Purchases! If you fall into this category at least keep the receipts in case it just doesn't work. Before heading into a showroom, have your measurements of your room so the placement and size can be planned properly. Always go into any store with a plan in place and stick to your budget. If not you may end up with a thing called Buyer's Remorse. Plan first. Shop later.
3. **Ask for Interior Design Advice:** We all make mistakes. Sometimes stressing over the same room design for months can cause mistakes. You may just need a fresh set of eyes to put it all together. You can ask a friend or if feasible, hire an interior designer for some guidance. You don't necessarily need one for the entire process, plenty of us charge by the hour and have lots of clever design tips and tricks to transform your home.
4. **Buy Fabrics & Textiles First:** Put that paint brush down!! Most of us are guilty of painting first. Pick out some items such as area rugs and drapery and then its much easier to pick out paint to match. Find what you love and once you are happy, pick out a paint shade.
5. **Add Character:** Don't get carried away and buy everything at one time and one place. This results in the common interior design mistake - buying everything matchy-matchy and resulting in a home that lacks character. We add character slowly and over time. It can take years to have your home fully complete and that's OK. Add character by adding that odd chair you found or that amazing painting that caught your eye. Finding things YOU love will build your homes character.

If all else fails and you are too frustrated with all the decorating decisions and obstacles that you face, hire a professional. They can save you time and money without all the mistakes.