

# Guide to Designing a Functional Living Space

# **Abstract**

Creating a functional living space is about blending aesthetics with practicality to design a home that supports your lifestyle. This guide explores the essential elements of functional interior design, offering insights into optimizing small spaces, selecting multi-purpose furniture, and incorporating effective lighting and storage solutions. It emphasizes the importance of balancing comfort and productivity, integrating minimalist principles, and aligning design choices with personal and environmental needs.

Whether you're revamping a single room or designing a multi-purpose area, this guide provides actionable tips and creative ideas to help you achieve a harmonious, efficient, and visually appealing living space. Tailored for homeowners, renters, and interior enthusiasts, this comprehensive guide empowers you to transform your home into a sanctuary of purpose and style.

# **Getting Started**

Designing a functional living space begins with understanding your unique needs and lifestyle. Before diving into furniture purchases or decor ideas, take time to assess how you use your space daily. Identify the primary activities in each area—whether it's work, relaxation, or hosting guests. Declutter your space to make room for creativity and functionality, keeping only what adds value or serves a purpose.

Next, set a clear vision for your design by choosing a theme or style that resonates with you, such as minimalist, modern, or eclectic. Focus on integrating versatile furniture, smart storage solutions, and effective lighting to maximize utility. With a thoughtful plan, even small adjustments can create a cohesive and practical living environment. Let's explore how to turn your home into a harmonious blend of functionality and comfort.

# 1. What Defines a Functional Living Space?

A functional living space is one that seamlessly combines aesthetics with utility, making daily life more organized, comfortable, and enjoyable. It caters to your lifestyle needs by incorporating thoughtful design elements that optimize the use of available space. Key characteristics include efficient layouts, multi-purpose furniture, and smart storage solutions that minimize clutter while enhancing accessibility. Adequate lighting, both natural and artificial, creates a welcoming atmosphere, while zoning helps define areas for specific activities like relaxation, work, and dining.

A functional living space also prioritizes comfort and ergonomics, ensuring that furniture and design elements support health and well-being. Ultimately, it's about crafting an environment where beauty meets practicality, allowing you to live effortlessly and in harmony with your surroundings.



At The Home Stylist, we know that you want your home to not only be stylish and beautiful but also a place that works for you and your lifestyle. You need a stylish and functional space. So, how do you achieve this? How do you style a functional home? We have a few ideas...

### A functional home is a home without clutter

The fastest and easiest way to make a space functional is to declutter. We've blogged about this in the past and often talk about it at our workshops but this is absolutely the key place to start. When decluttering, it's important that you have an area in each room to tidy stuff away. Storage is not just important in the kitchen!

# A functional home has defined spaces

The next step is to focus on defining the space. Today's trend is very much about open plan living but we still need to ensure that the dining area is the dining area and the living room is still the living room. This can be done by using furniture and accessories in smart ways. Use different rugs to define two spaces like a combined sitting and dining area. Place plants in between two spaces as a divider and make sure your furniture is strategically in one area, not crossing over.

It's also important to remember that once you are done you should use your defined spaces for the purpose you created them for!

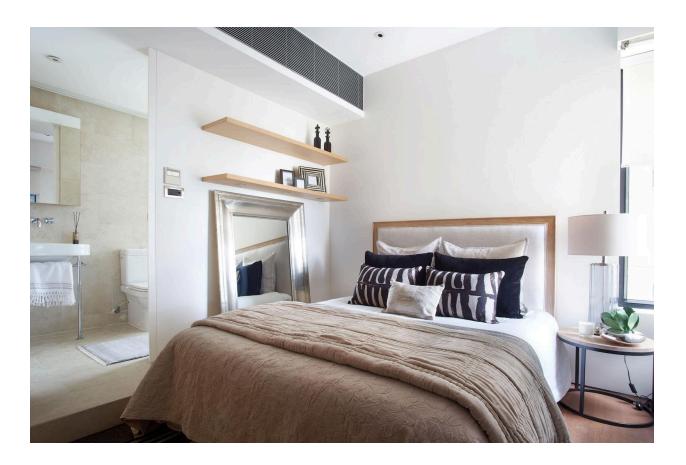


# A functional home has good flow

We then need to ensure that the space/room flows. Can you walk around without bumping into furniture? Are useful items positioned close to one another? Before your move in or rearrange your furniture, roughly draw your space on a piece of paper. Sketch out where you propose to place your items and then draw in how you can walk around the room. Ideally, there should be a couple of squiggles going on around the page as there are usually a number of ways you engage with your home.

# A functional home has good lighting

Just like decluttering, we mention lighting a lot when giving styling advice. Lighting is so important in so many ways. You can define your space with the right general and accent lighting and you make a space functional using thoughtful task lighting. A mix of all three, in each space really makes a room. This not only ensures that your home is functional but the lighting can really create wow factor too.



# A functional home makes the most of all available space

A clever home stylist uses all available space to make a home functional. This means maximising your vertical space. Elevating storage, art and even belongings can give you more floor space and surface area, helping to create more flow in your home. We've seen everything from bicycles on walls to people using funky, decorated ladders to get to their really high storage, make that ladder part of the art.

Surface space is especially important for day to day functionality. Do you have enough surfaces in every room? When seated in your sitting room is there somewhere near at hand to put your cup of coffee or glass of wine down?

### A functional home is a flexible home

Make your large pieces of furniture neutral and then add your accents in the form of soft furnishings and decor. This makes it really easy when the season or your tastes change and you want a new look.

# 2. Key Principles of Functional Interior Design

A beautifully decorated interior not only functions well but it creates a mood or a feeling and shows off the personality of the family that lives there. It's attention to these three important ingredients — function, mood and personality — that ensures decorating success.

Before painting and rearranging, spend some time thinking about your family and how you live. Look through magazines for inspiration and pull out ideas or rooms that appeal to you. Gather things from around the house that make you feel good and study them carefully for color cues and perhaps a clue to the mood you're looking for in your home. This is the beginning of a well-planned and decorated living area.

As for the rest, let's start with function.

### **Function**

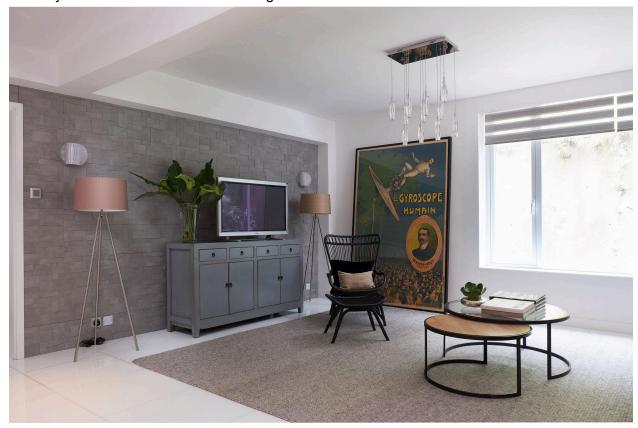
Decorating is more than just eye appeal — it's making a room really work for you. Here's how to do it, element by element:

- The focal point: Sometimes rooms have natural focal points (places the eyes travel to immediately upon entering a room) a fireplace, a bay window with a view, maybe even a built-in bookcase. If the room doesn't have a natural focal point, create one with a dynamic piece of art or a colorful area rug.
- The furniture: Determine whether the furniture satisfies the functions you've planned for the room. If a piece isn't working or if it's too large or too small for the size of the room, get rid of it or trade it for something else around the house that may be more appropriate.
- The lighting: Lighting should be selected for the functions of the room as well as for visual appeal. Every task will require either direct lighting from a lamp or indirect lights that simply brighten the room for conversation or TV-watching. Accent lighting — floor spots, track lighting or recessed spotlights — enhance texture, color and room details.
- The furniture arrangement: Draw your room on graph paper. Measure and mark electrical outlets and switches, vents, windows and doors. Measure your furniture and place it in your floor plan. Generally, the main furniture pieces are directed toward the focal point, keeping the major traffic patterns open. Fill in with pieces you'd like to have that may or may not be available now. Be sure to balance high and low pieces as well as heavy and light ones around the room.

### Mood

The mood or feeling of a room is created by your choice of colors, the style of furnishings, the amount of texture and pattern you choose and your accessories. Since there's so much to think about when creating a mood, establishing a theme through the selection of an inspiration piece

can make this portion of a decorating project much more fun and interesting. Here are the factors you need to address when setting a mood:



- The inspiration piece: The easiest way by far to decorate is to start with some source of inspiration. A decorative pillow, a favorite scarf and even a magazine photo are good places to begin. Select your inspiration piece wisely, and be sure it makes you feel good when you look at it. It's the basis for selecting your theme, colors, patterns and textures.
- Theme: Analyze your inspiration piece and develop a theme name for it. For instance, a needlepoint pillow with a botanical design on a black background may inspire a title like "formal botanical garden." Be descriptive with your theme name and all sorts of supporting ideas will come to mind. Botanical prints, striped walls, greens and floral colors, formal fabrics and furniture, dark woods and black accents all fit this particular theme.
- Color cues: Color should always support the theme. Many times, the colors that are most appropriate are found in the patterns and design of your inspiration piece. Generally, it's best to choose three colors in a room: a dominant color, used for walls, carpeting and fabric backgrounds; a secondary color, found throughout the room in fabrics and accessories; and an accent color, used sparingly to give energy and excitement to the room.

- Patterns: Stripes, checks, florals and plaids are just a few of the patterns to consider as you continue supporting your theme. It's all right to mix patterns as long as you do three things:
- Keep the background color the same.
- Make sure all patterns share the same colors.
- Vary the scale or sizes of the patterns.
- Texture: Too many smooth, shiny objects or too much nubby, rustic texture becomes tiresome. Use variety to keep the room interesting. Even a pattern can be used as texture. Many prints look dimensional and therefore add depth to a decorating scheme.
- ❖ Furniture: Aside from being functional, your furniture plays an important role in supporting your theme. Some pieces may function well but their style or color may stick out like a sore thumb. Try to salvage it with slipcovers, tablecloths or paint. If it's a lost cause, remove it from the room.

# **Personality**

Here's your chance to put your personal stamp on a well-planned room. Here are some strategies:

- Accessorizing: Pictures, vases, pillows and area rugs are all integral parts of a great decorating plan. Generally, they should support your theme, but allow more flexibility here; an antique picture frame could add wonderful variety to a contemporary room. Accessories are located on walls, mantels, furniture, tabletops and floors; they can be paintings and photos or pillows.
- Whimsy: This is optional in your decorating scheme, but it can counteract any sterile
  quality that may have been created by strictly following all the guidelines. A beautiful
  country sitting room may get some relief from a playful quilt placed over the fireplace.
- **The unexpected**: Interest doesn't have to be whimsical; it can simply be something unexpected in a room, like a brightly-painted ceiling.

# 3. How to Maximize Space in Small Living Areas

Small living rooms present unique design challenges, but usually none that a new furniture layout, different paint color, or simple architectural feature can't solve. When deciding on small living room ideas, consider how decor and design choices like color, furniture, storage strategies, and other elements can affect how it feels to relax or entertain.

A small space needs careful planning for its seating layout, lighting, and traffic flow to keep it from feeling cramped or overstuffed, making it hard to get comfortable in a room. With a few tricks, you can make a tight space look and feel deceptively large. Implementing these small living room ideas will instantly make it look like your four walls expanded and help you get the

most out of your square footage. Use these helpful style tips to add more storage and visual space to your living room, no matter your budget or timeline.

# Mirrored Furniture in a Small Living Room



It's no secret that hanging mirrors create more visual space in a room. However, the same can be said for mirrored furniture. A coffee table with a mirrored top will reflect light beautifully.

### Use Tall Vertical Shelves

When looking for extra storage space, don't forget to look up. Search for tall and slender shelves for your space so you have more room to stow away or display your belongings. A pair of 6-foot bookshelves will be much more useful than two shorter end tables. Go with bookshelves that have open sides, and you can still keep your coffee and perhaps your phone within arm's reach when lounging.

# Small Living Room with Large Rug

One design mistake we often see in smaller spaces is inappropriately sized area rugs. Your initial instinct may be to go with a small 5-by-7-foot rug in your small living room. However, a larger 10-by-12-foot rug can make the space feel less cramped.

# Arrange Furniture Efficiently

The right furniture arrangement is a small living room idea you don't want to skip. Although pushing all the furniture against the walls might seem like it would maximize space, the layout can make a room feel closed in. Instead, pull the furniture toward the center of the room to create a cozy conversation area. Leaving space behind the furniture for walking helps to enhance the small room's open elements, including the large window, two paned doors, and elegant arched entryway.

### Use a Two-Tier Coffee Table

One easy way to instantly add more storage space for your books and collections is by investing in a coffee table with two tiers rather than just one surface. This will give your coffee table decor some much-needed breathing room.

# Choose Double-Duty Furniture

Outfit a small living room with furniture that can do double duty, such as an ottoman or pair of poufs instead of a coffee table. A tray can quickly take these upholstered pieces from a casual place to put your feet up to a surface fit for entertaining. In this tight living room, the plush poufs also ease the pain of inevitable knee bumps and add a bold pattern to an otherwise neutral space.

# Sconce Lighting for a Small Living Room

In terms of small living room ideas, this one can make a huge difference. It's easy to run out of space for table and floor lamps, but that doesn't mean you have to settle for turning on the big light. Try installing a few sconces on the walls for instant mood lighting that takes up hardly any space. If investing in new hardwired sconces isn't realistic, go with a version that plugs into an outlet. There are many ways to disguise the cord.

# 4. Furniture Selection for Functionality and Style

Furniture is more than just a place to sit or store your belongings; it's an integral part of interior design. The right furniture can transform an ordinary room into a functional and aesthetically pleasing space. In this comprehensive guide, we'll explore the fascinating world of furniture design and selection, offering practical tips and insights to help you create the perfect interior.

Furniture & Interior Design - Interior Essentials: Creating Functional and Aesthetic Pieces Furniture design is a specialized field that focuses on creating functional, aesthetically pleasing, and innovative pieces of furniture. Let's delve into the essence of furniture design, its relationship with interior design, and the significance of choosing thoughtfully crafted furnishings.

# 1. Furniture Design:



### • Definition:

- Furniture design involves the creation and conceptualization of pieces that serve a functional purpose while embodying artistic and aesthetic principles.
- Designers consider materials, ergonomics, and visual appeal to craft unique and comfortable furniture.

# 2. Furnishing and Design:

### Definition:

- Furnishing and design refer to the process of selecting and arranging furniture and decor items within a space.
- It encompasses the strategic placement of furnishings to optimize functionality, aesthetics, and overall harmony.

# 3. Why Choose Furniture Design?

### Functionality and Innovation:

 Furniture design prioritizes functionality, ensuring that each piece serves a specific purpose while offering innovative solutions.

### • Aesthetic Appeal:

 Thoughtfully designed furniture enhances the visual appeal of spaces, contributing to the overall ambiance and style.

### Personalization:

 Choosing furniture design allows for personalization, enabling individuals to express their unique taste and preferences in their living or working environments.

### Quality and Durability:

 Well-designed furniture emphasizes quality and durability, ensuring that pieces withstand the test of time and daily use.

# 4. Difference Between Furniture Design and Interior Design:

### Furniture Design:

- Focuses specifically on creating individual pieces of furniture.
- Involves considerations of form, function, and materials for each piece.
- Collaborates with interior designers to ensure furniture complements overall design schemes.

### Interior Design:

- Encompasses the overall design and arrangement of interior spaces.
- Involves selecting furniture, decor, color schemes, and spatial layouts.
- Considers the synergy of all elements to create a cohesive and harmonious environment.

# **Choosing Thoughtfully Crafted Furnishings:**

Selecting well-designed furniture is a crucial aspect of interior design. Thoughtfully crafted furnishings contribute not only to the functionality of a space but also to its visual appeal. Considerations such as material, style, and comfort play pivotal roles in creating a balanced and aesthetically pleasing interior.

Furniture design goes beyond mere functionality; it is an art form that combines innovation, aesthetics, and functionality to create pieces that enhance the overall design of interior spaces. Whether it's a statement piece or a functional item, well-designed furniture contributes significantly to the character and comfort of a space.

# The Role of Furniture in Interior Design

Before we dive into the intricacies of furniture design and selection, let's understand the vital role that furniture plays in interior design:

### 1. Functionality



Furniture serves a practical purpose. It provides seating, storage, work surfaces, and more. Choosing furniture that suits the intended function of a room is essential for creating functional interiors.

### 2. Aesthetics

Furniture contributes significantly to a room's aesthetics. The style, color, shape, and texture of furniture impact the overall look and feel of the space. A well-chosen piece of furniture can be a focal point or a subtle complement to the design.

### 3. Layout and Flow

The arrangement of furniture influences the layout and flow of a room. Properly arranged furniture ensures that a space is easy to navigate and that there's a logical flow from one area to another.

### 4. Comfort and Ergonomics

Comfort is a key consideration when selecting furniture. Ergonomics plays a crucial role in ensuring that furniture is comfortable and supportive for its intended use.

### 5. Personalization

Furniture allows individuals to personalize their living spaces. It reflects personal style, preferences, and the unique character of the occupants.

# **Practical Tips for Furniture Selection**

Now that we've covered the principles of furniture design, let's explore some practical tips for selecting the right furniture for your home:

### 1. Assess Your Needs

Before shopping for furniture, assess your needs. Consider the function of the room and the specific requirements. For example, a family room might need comfortable seating and storage for toys, while a dining room requires a table and chairs.

### 2. Measure the Space

Measure the dimensions of the room and any doorways or passages that the furniture must pass through. This ensures that the furniture will fit comfortably in the space.

### 3. Consider Style and Aesthetics

Think about the style or theme you want to achieve in the room. Whether it's contemporary, traditional, rustic, or eclectic, choose furniture that complements the overall design.

### 4. Quality Matters

Invest in quality furniture that is built to last. While it may be tempting to go for budget options, well-made furniture tends to be more durable and often provides better comfort and aesthetics.

### 5. Test for Comfort

If possible, test furniture for comfort before making a purchase. Sit on chairs and sofas, check the support of mattresses, and assess the ergonomics of workspaces.

### 6. Mix and Match Thoughtfully

Don't feel compelled to buy matching furniture sets. Mixing different styles and materials can add character to a room. Just ensure that there's a unifying element to tie everything together.

### 7. Consider Storage Solutions

In spaces where storage is needed, opt for furniture pieces that offer hidden storage options. This helps keep the room organized and clutter-free.

### 8. Maintenance and Cleaning

Consider the ease of maintenance and cleaning when choosing furniture. Some materials and fabrics are more stain-resistant and easy to clean than others.

# 5. Quick Checklist for Designing a Functional Living Space

Wondering how to decorate a living room like a designer, but not ready to tap a pro? This easy-to-follow, expert-backed guide will help you achieve a magazine-worthy result yourself. These steps will walk you through how to conceptualize your space, create a functional layout, arrange accessories in perfect vignettes, and everything in between.

### Where to Begin: Designer Tips



We spoke with several of our favorite designers and found that the process starts before you've ever picked a paint color. While the exciting part may be shopping for a new sofa in your favorite shade of blue or choosing large-scale abstract art to hang on your wall, the first steps include measuring, finding your aesthetic, and creating a mood board that will drive the entire project. And, whether your space is large or small, these living room rules still apply. It's a foolproof approach that leads to a cohesive, styled space that also feels like your home. Ready to get started? Here's what our design experts had to say.

Designing a functional living space involves more than just arranging furniture—it's about creating a balanced environment that supports your lifestyle, maximizes usability, and reflects your personal aesthetic. To ensure success, follow this quick checklist that covers the essential aspects of functional design:

### 1. Understand Your Needs

Begin by identifying how you plan to use the space. Is it for relaxing, entertaining guests, working, or a combination of activities? Consider your household's size, daily habits, and specific needs. A clear understanding of your priorities will guide every decision, ensuring your design supports your lifestyle.

# 2. Optimize Space Layout

The layout is the backbone of functionality. Plan the placement of furniture and features to encourage easy movement and logical flow between areas. For instance, keep pathways

unobstructed and arrange furniture to facilitate conversation or activities. In smaller spaces, consider open-plan layouts or multi-functional zones to maximize usability.

### 3. Choose Multi-Functional Furniture

Multi-functional furniture is a cornerstone of functional design, especially in compact spaces. Items like sofa beds, extendable tables, and ottomans with hidden storage can serve dual purposes, saving space while providing additional functionality. This approach ensures every piece of furniture works hard for your needs.

# 4. Prioritize Storage Solutions

Clutter can quickly undermine functionality. Invest in smart storage solutions such as built-in shelves, under-bed storage, or modular cabinets. Customize storage to suit your items and habits. For example, baskets or bins can organize loose items, while vertical storage utilizes unused wall space effectively.

# 5. Focus on Lighting

Lighting is key to creating an inviting and practical space. Incorporate a mix of natural and artificial lighting to suit various tasks and moods. Task lighting, such as desk lamps or under-cabinet lights, is essential for focused activities, while ambient lighting creates a relaxed atmosphere. Mirrors can amplify natural light, making the space feel larger and brighter.

### 6. Select a Cohesive Color Palette

Colors influence both aesthetics and mood. Choose a cohesive palette that complements the space's purpose and design. Neutral tones can create a calm and open feel, while bold accents add personality. Ensure the colors align with your furniture and décor for a harmonious look.

# 7. Add Comfort and Practicality

Functionality doesn't mean sacrificing comfort. Opt for ergonomic furniture that supports posture and well-being. Include soft textures like cushions, rugs, and throws to make the space cozy. Additionally, prioritize materials that are durable and easy to maintain, especially in high-traffic areas.

# 8. Incorporate Technology Thoughtfully

Modern living spaces often integrate technology for convenience. Consider built-in charging stations, smart home systems, or hidden cable management to keep the space organized and tech-friendly without compromising aesthetics.

### 9. Embrace Minimalism

A minimalist approach often enhances functionality by reducing visual and physical clutter. Focus on quality over quantity, keeping only essential and meaningful items. This approach ensures the space remains open, breathable, and easy to maintain.

### 10. Add Personal Touches



Finally, a functional space should still feel like home. Incorporate personal touches such as artwork, family photos, or heirlooms to add warmth and character. These elements connect the space to your personality while maintaining functionality.

Designing a functional living space is about finding the perfect balance between beauty and utility. By considering layout, storage, lighting, furniture, and personalization, you can create a space that enhances daily life while reflecting your style. Whether you're working with a small apartment or a spacious home, following this checklist will ensure your living space is both practical and inspiring.

# 6. Minimalist Living: Simplify Without Compromising Function

Minimalist living has become the need of the hour, especially during the pandemic. Living with necessary household items may be the perfect choice if you feel stressed or overwhelmed by clutter. There is no denying that a messy or overstuffed living space leads to physical anxiety and obstructs productivity. That's why people prefer Zen de-cluttering and minimalist living spaces.

Incorporating proven strategies can help create a harmonious, livable, and organised Zen living space. It is basically a philosophy that originated in China and was adopted by Japan. It can help people achieve peace and tranquillity within their homes in Perth.

In today's article, we will discover the key principles of minimalism and Zen philosophy to help promote a minimalist lifestyle. This guide will also provide pro tips on preparing your home the Zen way by reducing unwanted household items you no longer need.

Let's Get Started!

# 1. Understanding the Basic Concept of Minimalism & Zen Philosophy

Before exploring the key strategies and co-relation between minimalism and the zen approach, let's unveil the core principles of both concepts.

### **Minimalism Living**

It is a lifestyle that primarily focuses on simple living by reducing clutter and unwanted items. The main objective behind minimalist living is to keep what truly adds worth to your life. It lets you de-clutter your living and mental space, promoting a quality and phosphorous living standard.

Adopting a minimalist approach can help you in different phases of your professional and personal life. You can also de-clutter your rental property before hiring experts for the best vacate cleaning Perth. This will help them tackle dust and grime without any distractions.

### Zen Philosophy

Zen is a Chinese philosophy later adapted by Japan to promote mindfulness, interconnections, and tranquil living. It focuses on living in the present moment, appreciating simplicity, and finding joy in minimalism and ordinary things. It encourages people to let go of attachments and unnecessary expectations and embrace the true meaning of life.

### 2. The Co-Relation Between Minimalism and Zen

Experts believe that Zen and minimalism are interconnected in many ways. Both teach us the importance of letting go of unnecessary clutter and distractions to sustain a peaceful and quality environment. Minimalism focuses on reducing clutter and adopting a simple life, while Zen emphasizes reducing attachment and adopting what truly matters. But integrating two concepts, you can transform your abode in Perth into a tranquil sanctuary that promotes healthy and harmonious well-being.

This means you can beautify your home and create a minimalist space by incorporating the right Zen strategies. Make sure you regularly spruce up every nook and cranny, including your kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

First, reduce the clutter and pack everything you want to take to a new rental house. This will allow professional vacate cleaning Perth experts to deep clean the premises according to the pre-approved checklist to pass the end of tenancy inspection. They can help you get the full bond back without a hint of stress.

So, below are some of the best Zen strategies to de-clutter your home.

# 3. Zen Methods to Minimalise A Living Room



Do not stuff items unnecessarily in your living room because it is a place where the entire family shares quality time for chit-chats and entertainment. Start by eliminating clutter from the floors, such as toys, magazines, newspapers, etc.

After removing dust from the walls, ceiling fans, and shelves, focus on adorning your walls with a single piece of artwork. This will give the entire room a minimalist look and capture the attention.

Make sure each piece of furniture in your living area serves its purpose. If not, sell or donate to the local charity in Perth to help underprivileged people.

# 4. Keep Your Kitchen De-Cluttered

The minimalist approach to organising a kitchen is ensuring that everything has its place. For instance, dirty dishes should be in the dishwasher, no mess on countertops, well-organised shelves and cabinets, etc. Also, ensure the natural light streaming in your kitchen to create an inviting and positive ambience.

- Regularly de-clutter your drawers
- Make sure you wipe down your countertops after preparing your meal. Use baking soda and water to tackle spills and splatters.
- Clean your kitchen appliances with vinegar, lemon and baking soda. Steam clean your microwave and deep clean your fridge inside and outside.
- Clean and sanitise your kitchen sink
- Purge out unwanted dishes and other utensils

# 5. Maintain Tranquility in Bedrooms



According to Zen Philosophy, a bedroom should spark simplicity, serenity, and solace. Use pure white bed sheets to give your entire room a clean and organized look.

Also, eliminate distractions by reducing clutter in your closets, tables, and drawers. This will make a huge difference and resolves sleep-related problems.

Tip: Make your bedsheets daily and wash dirty linens in hot water to kill dust mites.

### 6. Create a Zen Minimalist Bathroom

Here are some great hacks to help you transform your bathroom into a peaceful oasis:

- Remove unused and expired items from the cabinets.
- Store only the items you need for day-to-day routines.
- Use built-in shelves and hidden cabinets to store items. You can also make space under the sink.
- Install sleek fixtures
- Regularly clean your bathroom surfaces using natural products. Tackle soap scum, mould from ceilings and rust stains from the toilet.

# 7. Bonus Tip: De-clutter Your Home the KonMari Way

The KonMari is a famous way to reduce clutter and create a harmonious home. It emphasises on keeping the necessary items that reflect happiness, a spark of joy and purpose in a life. Inspect your rooms thoroughly by category, such as toys, papers, books, sentimental items, etc., and decide whether you truly need them or not. Make sure the decision brings a smile to your face.

De-clutter your home before calling the best vacate cleaning Perth professionals at the end of your tenancy.

### **Wrapping Up**

Creating a minimalist living space is generally considered daunting. However, with the right approach and mindset, you can achieve the desired goals efficiently. Follow these simple Zen de-cluttering strategies and cleaning hacks to keep your house tranquil, spacious, and beautiful.

# **Bottom Line**

A well-designed functional living space goes beyond aesthetics—it creates harmony between style and practicality. By prioritizing layout, storage, and personalized elements, you can craft a home that meets your needs, reflects your personality, and enhances daily living. Start your journey towards a space that seamlessly blends beauty and functionality today!

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