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HOW TO MAKE A HOUSE A HOME

Choosing a design theme for your home is one of the most exciting things about becoming a homeowner.

However, it can also be an extremely daunting prospect. With so many products and styles to choose from, how do you know where to start?

How can you know for certain that the beautiful sofa you've lost your heart on will go with the rug, cushions, and lamp you've already bought?

Well - no need to worry. Interior design experts from **SUNA INTERIOR DESIGN** are on hand with some top tips:

Begin by getting some inspiration. Scour Pinterest, hoard interior design magazines, and visit design stores to find out what is out there and what you like.

Then, create mood boards on Pinterest to help clarify what you do and don't like.

Find a genre that appeals to you and use this as the basis for your design.

Once you have your style, select one or two investment pieces. These will likely be more expensive items of furniture, but ones that will last. Such as a dining room table, large sofa, dream bed. These staple items will form the basis around the design in each room. It could be a palette or how the room will be laid out. At this point also consider any items of furniture that you may already own - can they be used as they are or do they need refurbishing?

Remember to measure both the space and the

item. You want it to fit beautifully into the room.

Trends are great, but rather purchase something and incorporate it into your design because you love the piece, not just because it was in Elle Deco or Living.

Larger pieces of furniture usually last longer. So if you're unsure, opt for these in a more neutral palette (eg. a grey sofa) and add punches of colour through the cushions, throws, rug and accessories that you style the room with. It's easier (and more cost effective) to replace accessories than large-scale items.

Test out items such as beds, sofas, chairs etc. If they're not comfy don't get them. After all you're the one who'll be sleeping, lying or sitting in them!

Finally, enjoy the process. If you do, it will show at the end of the design process.

For the magic recipe for the perfect design, check out this breakdown of one of Suna Interior Design's projects.

- A:** The investment piece, a Classic Eames Lounge Chair & Ottoman, available from The Conran Shop
- B:** Another investment piece, this one is bespoke, but get a similar sofa from John Lewis (Draper Large 3 Seater Sofa, you can select your own colour)
- C:** Aula Coffee Table from Made.com
- D:** Albert Cluster Pendant Light from Made.com
- E:** By painting the back of the display cabinets green, a pop of colour has been added into the room.
- F:** The cushions bring creativity, playfulness and texture into the room.
- G:** The accessories comprise a curated selection, stylishly displayed, creating a feature on the wall.
- H:** NYX Black 3 Headed Floor Lamp from Habitat

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