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Bringing a room from empty to 'wow' is what a decorator does every day. We are constantly thinking of the big picture. Nothing is chosen without considering the rest. This is what elevates the design from pieces of furniture to a stunning composition.

Have every step well thought out

Start with a master plan. Get your measurements done and make sure you know exactly what size of item to buy. For instance, that 4 X 6 area rug may have the perfect colours but is it the right size? The wrong size will deflate the whole design of the room. If it's a small room, do you know what style sofa will best suit it? Alternatively, if it's a large room, what can you do to make it feel cozier?

Make every layer count

Each layer can elevate the whole composition or really mess it up. For instance, the first layer is typically the upholstered furniture. Once the main fabric has been decided on, next you have to strategize for rugs, accent chairs and throw pillows. Are you contrasting in a neutral or with a pop of colour? Are you using a solid or pattern? Texture or smooth? The next layer might be the window coverings. They often give you the most impact. They can add height or drama to a room or just make it feel "all dressed up and ready for a party!" Each element adds to the desired result: casual, formal, glamorous, urban chic, fashionista style, bold personality, quiet space,... and on and on. And how much of each element do you use before it gets boring? Where do you put the touch of the unexpected?

Take it to the finish line

Why do magazine pictures look so... well, finished? Because they are! Clients who take their space to completion are usually the happiest with the results. This last layer is what takes a room from nice to 'wow'. The last 15-20% is what gives you the emotional response to the room. We recommend saving 20% of your budget for this purpose. The art, mirrors, wall sconces, sculptures, trays, baskets, foot stools etc..., give the room personality and warmth.

Follow these steps and you will have an end result that you will love: one that functions well and looks amazing!

