



Affordable Design Tips For a Family-Friendly Home



It is easy to find inspiration for home design themes while browsing through furniture websites or flipping through the most recent magazine. However, before you plunge into planning, you must ask yourself two questions: Does this fit in my budget and how will this design affect my family? When decorating, don't think you have to compromise on your design goals because of budget or family limitations. If you follow the tips in this eBook, all your decorating aspirations can be achieved while remaining both affordable and family-friendly.

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First, the most important step in starting your design plan is buying furniture. To save money, buy neutral colored quality furniture that will match multiple design schemes. Spending a little extra in this area may be necessary to ensure you have durable furniture, but it will last longer and save you more money in the long run.

Designing with your whole family in mind can be tough. Accommodating everyone's needs without skimping on style may seem impossible, but if you follow these tips you will have a family room that is both fashionable and functional.

Be realistic. It's important to think realistically when designing a room fit for your family. You may want a room full of elegant furniture, cream carpets, and a fancy sofa, but with kids, pets, and visitors moving throughout your home, it would be difficult to keep the room clean and damage-free. When deciding on furniture pieces, look for items you think are stylish, but that will also maintain durability and function.

Don't skimp on style. Family-proofing your home doesn't mean you can't have fashionable pieces you love. Don't be afraid to purchase items that are a little nicer if they are durable and easy to clean. There are plenty of affordable furniture options that are perfect for any home. Look for stylish pieces that you know could withstand your family's usual wear and tear. If you have small children and rambunctious pets, you should look for durable furniture that can be easily cleaned and repaired. If you have older children and don't have any pets, you can probably get away with furniture that doesn't need as much care and protection.

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Find affordable home accessories. The best way to exhibit style while maintaining your budget is to find trendy and affordable home accents. There are a variety of shapes, sizes, colors and prints to choose from that can easily amplify your home design. It's important to find affordable pieces because they may have to be replaced frequently depending on your family's usage. It's much easier to forgive and forget when your child breaks an inexpensive lamp than if he or she crashes into a pricey home accessory.

Talk about your expectations beforehand. Talking with your family about what each member wants or envisions is a great way to get everyone involved in the decision and helps you figure out what you are working with. If your spouse wants all leather furniture but your kids want fabric couches, it's great to know ahead of time so you can all come to an agreement before you shop.

Don't be afraid to mix and match. An excellent way to accommodate everyone in your family is to mix and match. It doesn't have to be a large-scale mix and match; you can find pieces that each member of your family loves and incorporate them into the overall design. If you choose the furniture, let your family members choose accessories to add their own little touch to your home. It's best to make some compromises to ensure everyone is satisfied and happy.

The key to creating a stylish design with your family in mind is simple; be realistic about your family's wear-and-tear on a room and look for pieces that are affordable and durable.

The Affordable Living Room



After you have picked the perfect family-friendly furniture, it's time to implement your design ideas. Keeping up with the latest trends and styles can be exhausting, not to mention expensive. So how do you make your living room look current and stylish without spending too much money? Here are some inexpensive design tips to improve your living room design.

Choose versatile pieces. Items that benefit your home as well as your home design are a must for keeping your living room fashionable at a reasonable price. If you choose stylish items that you truly need, you can get fashion and function all in one. Items such as area rugs, accent tables, and lamps are a perfect way to show off your design talents without feeling guilty because they're also living room necessities. Area rugs with bright, bold designs create cohesion for your entire design scheme. Accent tables provide a convenient place for guests to place their drinks, a simple area to store the remote, and a great way to exhibit some style by adding small inexpensive accessories such as a vase or picture frame.

Light up your living room. Lamps are the perfect way to add style to your room without going over budget. You can find attractive and affordable lamps to place on your accent tables that will update your design and add an extra lighting. You can choose from a variety of patterned lampshades, uniquely shaped lampposts, or modern-looking lamps that correlate with your living room.

Throw on some throw pillows. This inexpensive and simple design tip will instantly freshen up your living room and complement any design. You can choose from different shapes, sizes, patterns, and colors to create a unique look for your living room. Try mixing patterns and prints with complementary colors for a modern and trendy look.

Add some color. The best way to liven up your living room without spending a fortune is to add splashes of color to your design. Whether you do this by painting an accent wall, choosing bright throw pillows, adding other affordable home accessories, or finding a colorful accent table, adding pops of color will easily give your living room a fresh look and feel.

The Affordable Dining Room



Your dining room is an important part of your home. It's the place where family and friends will gather to share important meals, sit for family meetings, or relax and catch up. Your dining room can be well organized and well designed without breaking the bank.

Don't be predictable. Often, the stereotypical dining room lacks function for a family-friendly home, so it is important to consider who will be using the space. To set your dining room design apart, go against the grain and take some chances with your style. Instead of a traditional color theme of taupe, burgundy or cream, paint your dining room a brighter or lighter color, like pumpkin or sea foam green, to instantly create an interesting and trendy design without going over budget.

Rethink your seating situation. A great and inexpensive way to accommodate guests and provide some extra storage is bench seating. Bench seating creates a comfortable and inviting atmosphere that allows you to have more guests at your table. You can also find attractive options with storage underneath to help keep your dining room organized and clean.

Modern home accessories. Choosing affordable modern home accessories to accent your design and show your personality is the perfect way to accessorize your dining room. Eclectic dishware, an interesting centerpiece or a convenient and attractive floor lamp are all ways to bring out your style without spending too much. Utilizing multiple modern home accessories creates a look and feel that is fresh and comfortable.

Let your personality shine. Your dining room needs to reflect you and your family, and the best way to do this is to choose pieces you and your family love as well as include some family pictures. You can find unique and affordable pieces that will make you smile and allow you to feel proud of your work.

The Affordable Bedroom



Designing your bedroom is an exciting experience, but you don't need to spend a lot of money to create a space that is both stylish and relaxing.

Have a clear design scheme. Determining a clear design idea before you begin styling your room is the best way to save money and create an organized and well-designed bedroom. Decide what colors you like and a design style that suits your personality to enable you to choose pieces that will coordinate with your room and create a unified design. Having a clear idea of what you are looking for and what you need can keep you from making impulse buys and will allow you to accessorize your room with items that are perfect for you.

DIY projects. Do-it-yourself projects are a great way to amplify your style while having fun and saving money. Make creative picture frames for your wall, create your own headboard out of simple materials, or make an organized system for stashing your belongings. You can find plenty of home design ideas and DIY projects online or by looking through magazines to get inspired! Making things for your room is the ideal way to show your distinct personality. You will feel accomplished when you show your friends and family your chic, homemade designs.

Accessories add flare. Choosing affordable home accessories is the best way to add special touches to your bedroom and create an interesting space. Colorful area rugs, unique lamps, and decorative wall hangings are all wonderful ways to use home accessories in your bedroom. Area rugs will add more depth to your room and can unify your color scheme. Lamps are a must because they are fashionable and functional. You can choose from an array of designs, colors and styles to add some flair to your space.

The Affordable Kid's Room



When designing your kid's room, it's often a challenge to accommodate his or her changing style and taste, so the last thing you want to do is spend tons of money on home décor. Create a neutral design theme and tailor the accessories such as bedding and wall hangings to your child's taste because these factors can be changed quickly without the high price.

Be creative with storage. There are plenty of fun ways to spruce up your kid's room when you choose the right storage! You can find uniquely colored bedroom sets or cute shelves with colorful baskets to suit your child's personality and needs. By choosing a fun and fashionable way to store your child's belongings, you are adding style and function to his or her room. When deciding on items that your child needs, it's easy to find pieces with funk and flair to suit his or her style!

Create an open space. For this design tip you don't need to spend any money! Rearranging furniture is a fun and free way to revamp your child's room and create more comfort and style. When you create an open space by arranging your child's furniture against the walls, you provide space for him or her to relax and play while adding more depth and space to the room. When kids have open space in their room, they are more likely to spend time there. You can even add a small table and chair to create a reading or craft space!

Choose timeless pieces. Because your child's preferences are always changing and growing, choose pieces that will grow and mature with your child. There are plenty of bedroom sets that will last through his or her teen years and various modern home accessories that will appeal to him or her now and later. It's best not to limit your child by choosing over-the-top décor that he or she will want to change in a year or two, and this will save you money because you won't have to constantly change his or her room with every passing year.

Choose a theme. Themed rooms are great for kids of all ages. While you don't necessarily need to choose a sports theme or princess theme, you can talk with your child about choosing a color theme or style theme. By choosing a specific color, style or theme, you create a coherent design that looks put together without spending tons of money. By simply coordinating furniture and décor, you create a well-designed room without the necessity of adding more pieces.

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Decorating your home can be both affordable and family-friendly by following the previously mentioned tips. Remember that neutral furniture pieces in every room can be played up with bold and bright accessories. Also, ensure that the pieces you invest in are durable so that the furniture will last longer, which will save you money over time. Don't be afraid to get creative! DIY projects are not only cheap, but are also a fun way to show your particular personality. Finally, don't forget to involve the whole family in creating the design plan. Together, you and your family can create a place that everyone can call home!

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