

Sell your home by styling it right



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Accessories are all those little things that make a house feel like 'home.'

That growing collection of Italian glass work from trips abroad; the vibrant art on the walls; the textiles that are equally bold and art works in their own right. These all tell a story which will ultimately attract a potential buyer.

Similarly accessories can tell story and here is my list of top six to add to your home.

Accent pillows

As a stylist/stager this is our staple; no comfy sofa or chair is complete without it. A careful combination of colours, patterns bring life to neutral upholstery — perfect if you can't commit to a trendy hue for a big-ticket item, like a sofa.

These inexpensive items are the perfect way to indulge in the colour du jour without the commitment.

Artwork

Artwork is not just a great way to bring colour to your walls, it can also inspire a whole room's colour palette. Choose dominant hues and echo them in your upholstery, window treatments or rug to tie all the elements together.

Classic placement for paintings and photos includes suspended over a fireplace or above a piece of furniture that serves as a focal point. Consider also overlapping a few canvases on a mantel, or leaning up against a wall.



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Lighting

Table and floor lamps are both functional and decorative essentials. Consider adding colored ceramic table lamps that repeat colours in the upholstery, pillows, throws or window treatments.

Replace the shades of some of your lamps to introduce a different texture, add colour or coordinating pattern.



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Greens

I've included greenery as one of our top accessories, because they literally bring life to the space. There's something undeniably appealing about a home with lush plants.

TIP: If you don't have a green thumb, consider using high-quality artificial topiaries, succulents or trees as centrepieces

Mirrors

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When choosing the placement of your mirror, take a careful look at what's being reflected, to ensure it's something visually pleasing. Consider placing your mirror opposite a window or a source of natural light.

Area rugs

Area rugs can warm up a room with colour and texture, define different functional areas and anchor the furniture. And they've come a long way when it comes to their palettes and patterns — like art underfoot.

One of the most important factors to consider when selecting a rug is size! The rule of thumb is it should be large enough that the main furnishings in the room can rest on it.

When it comes to selling a home, accessories can be just the thing to set the right mood, spark some curiosity, and bring out a home's unique character.

Staging a home can increase its value, attract buyers and help it stand out in a busy spring housing market. If short on time hire pros like us to help get your home sold!

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