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# Lust-Worthy



**CASUAL**

**Keep the color scheme neutral.** A casual room can look sophisticated by layering warm tones. The sisal rug adds earthiness. (Look for softer wool versions at places like Pottery Barn.)

**Invest in stylish storage.** Chic boxes stacked on shelves are functional but also attractive. You can find similar ones at westelm.com.

**Group artwork.** I like how the identical frames tie most of the art together. Lining them up symmetrically is in sync with the room's organized vibe.

**Slipcover a sofa.** Snag a couch on craigslist.com and throw on a neutral-colored cotton or linen slipcover to make it look brand-new. The zebra pillows add a little edge.

# Living Rooms



Interior designer **Kishani Perera** reveals how to create three stylish spaces that won't break the bank.

## ECLECTIC

**Give furniture a face-lift.** I love using vintage tapestries and antique fabrics to add texture and color to a room. The sofa and ottoman have been swathed in knotty, woven kilims. Find them at [berbersources.com](http://berbersources.com).

**Paint walls an eye-catching color.** I'm into doing a vibrant wall in a room like this, so I use Benjamin Moore Tropical Turquoise (it's a bit darker than this shade).

**Hang ornate sconces.** Baroque sconces ([touchofclass.com](http://touchofclass.com)) are a feminine counterpoint to the masculine geometric shapes on the textiles. That mix is what gives the room its eclectic feel.

**Pile on trimmed pillows.** It's important to incorporate a few formal details (like the tassels on these pillows) in a vintage-inspired room.



## CONTEMPORARY

**Buy a sectional sofa.** Modern spaces should be sleek but not sterile. Sectionals encourage you to lay back, and the L-shape helps frame the seating area. Gray is a perfect choice—it's the new neutral and looks great with hot pink, navy blue, and red.

**Accent with a bold color.** You want to layer the room in shades of gray and white then add one hit of color. It could be furniture, like these red chairs, or something even smaller, like a pair of end tables.

**Go for a superlow coffee table.** The table is out of scale with the rest of the room, which is why it works. It's sort of Zen and inviting but also has clean lines. You can get a similar table at [cb2.com](http://cb2.com).

**Keep the flooring simple.** This minimal carpet perfectly complements the room. You can create your own thin patterned or textured rug at [flor.com](http://flor.com).

