

Day 10: Living Room

A living room or family room is the room that collects and showcases the best of who you are as a family. A place to gather, have fun, relax, mingle and show hospitality. An intimate room that should warm and invigorate and above all, be functional.

Checklist

Objective: To pair back unnecessary clutter, create functional and attractive storage for small items and showcase who you are.

- Clear the room of everything that belongs elsewhere and put it there.
- Make piles of magazines, newspapers, books, controllers, etc. Anything that is sitting on surfaces. Set them aside and out of the room.
- Consider furniture arrangement and whether it promotes conversation and flow in the room. If not, rearrange the pieces, even removing some, until you like the way it feels.
- Thoroughly dust all surfaces, including electronics that stay in the room, artificial plants, blinds, bookshelves, books, etc.
- Vacuum every corner, behind and under furniture that can be moved.
- If you have bookshelves or mantels, take a hard look at what can be removed, and what can be showcased. Fewer items displayed together in collections of 3-5 pieces are always the most attractive.
- Retrieve the items you previously set aside. Sort and create functional contained storage. Create designated areas for these small items.
- Celebrate your new room!

Tomorrow: Home Office

