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## *Tell Your Story*

BY INTERIOR DESIGNER EVELYN ESHUN | Styling a space is like telling a story; it's creating a feeling and personality in the room so that those who enter enjoy reading the story through your visual cues. When my design job is complete and the time comes to photograph, it is such a treat to be able to express myself through the styling and accessorizing of the space — it is an opportunity to create a snapshot of the 'feeling' which is in my head.

This may be a bit to 'heady' of a comment, but to be true, it is the accessories and placement of furnishings which can truly show an interior at its best.

Admit it, before and after is FUN to see, whether it is on a budget or high end. The styling of your home does not have to be a complex mystery, there are some basic elements of design which can be easily applied to every space in order to gain the benefits of a well styled space.

Styling a coffee table is key to a well styled living room. Creating a "tablescape" with tall florals to punctuate the space with a shot of shape and colour will always do the job. Layering books or magazines and topping them with a glass or sculptural



ornament will give you that designer's touch. Put remotes and other functional items in a decorative tray to contain the mess and create a vignette which is pleasing to look at.

Tell a story with your accessories, whether it is a theme of colour, texture, pattern or culture. This is an easy achievement using pillows and throws which allow you to change the feeling and look inexpensively from season to season or occasion to occasion. I like popping a shot of colour with down filled pillows and a book with a colourful cover which create a seamless harmonious connection.

Less is always more ... don't get complicated. When in doubt, repeat a few items in the room such as a pillow, floral or scul-



ture. You can reap the rewards of visual repetition by repeating a colour, a material or texture. A glass ball beside a glass lamp on a glass table will give you that harmonious designer touch at all times.

Styling your space can be a fun way to express yourself differently from day to day, all it takes is some judicious editing and restrained addition of carefully selected accessories. Within a few minutes, you can transform your space from casual family to adult formal if you are prepared and armed with these basic rules of design.

## TIPS:

- Repetition is the easiest way to keep it simple and stylish. Take 3 wine glasses, fill them with white roses and line them up the middle of your dining table, you will have instant pizzazz.
- Pick a colour, buy pillows, a decorative box and flowers to match, you will instantly change your living room.
- De-cluttering is the best styling tool of all.
- Put your daily necessities in the kitchen and bathroom in canisters which are all the same.
- Group items in odd numbers: 3's and 5's ideally.
- Every room should have a touch of sparkle, and something black will ground the space.



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