

## What Makes a House a Home?

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### **TRANSFORM YOUR HOUSE INTO A HOME**

The magic thing about home is that it feels good to leave, and it feels even better to come back,” says author Wendy Wunder. Buying a house may yet be the easy part, but turning a house into a home requires creativity and passion so that it is that one place where you are comfortable and secure. It does not only mean purchasing pricey furniture or fittings, but also combining important elements to make your abode a place you keep coming home to no matter where you have been.

### **MAKE IT COZY AND WARM**

Introducing fabrics to your house gives it an instant lived-in feeling from the rugs and carpets that you put on the

floor to the curtains that you hang on windows. Fabrics are also great at absorbing unwanted sound and light.

Another way to give your dwelling a homely look and feeling is to invest in appliances. If you love vintage stuff, you might want to retrofit your space by adding antique-looking appliances. You can also include a ventless fireplace which you can put in any room of the house giving instant warmth to any space. They are energy-efficient and easy to install and maintain.

### **ENHANCE YOUR HOME WITH LIGHTS AND ART WORK**

Illumination is a very important element of a home. Different types of lights allow you to create separate spaces in your house from entertaining and

dining to reading and relaxing. For example, you might need a stronger luminosity if you’re decorating a study, but if you want to unwind, putting on soft and warm lights can create the right ambience.

Your home can also benefit from art decor. It does not need to be expensive, extraordinary, or a masterpiece. Decorating your home with your seashell or rock collection makes an equally powerful statement as a bunch of family photographs that say what is important and beautiful to you. In short, art work can be anything that is special and meaningful.

### **KEEP IT NEAT**

A little clutter may give your home the appearance of being lived in and some experts even agree that it encourages creativity, but a neat space also offers benefits. Decluttering gives you a sense of accomplishment, improves concentration, lowers stress levels, and boosts your mood.

Hence, invest in storage space to keep everything neat and orderly. Putting things in their respective places not only gives a tidy appearance, but also makes it easy for you to find things when you need them.

Turning a house into a home by adding fabrics, lights, décor, and keeping it neat is completely worth the effort. Your home is where you keep going back because it feels so right. ■