

NEW YEAR NEW ROOM

The savvy style gurus behind C'est ici give us their top tips on how to tweak your interiors for a fresh look



When it comes to designing your living spaces, it's much easier when you're working with a blank canvas. But what happens when you fancy a new look in the new year? Taking your well-worn room and breathing new life into it can be a daunting task, so we've asked Tatiana and Monica, the co-founders of Dubai-based home interiors brand C'est ici, to give us their ten top tips to re-styling and revamping your home...

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Less is more. **DECLUTTER.** We often tend to pile up a bunch of stuff that's not really necessary. Be disciplined and keep what you really love and is significant in your life. The rest should be history. Keep it simple and clear.

HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS

Reinvent your walls and be inventive. Stick to one colour palette and start building a colour story. Choose hues that you love, and add some darker and lighter tones, too. Pick one accent colour and make this a statement wall.

Revamp spaces with small accessories for a cost-effective new look



MOVE AROUND

We love to reinvent spaces by just moving furniture around. It doesn't require one dirham and it would certainly change the look and feel of the space. First, make a layout of the existing furniture and focus on maximising the space. You may find that some of the furniture can be added to another space or replaced by something better.

KEEP IT SIMPLE, BUT SIGNIFICANT

It is often seen that the most expensive pieces of furniture at home is the "big stuff" – sofas, beds and dining tables.

So, to redesign your room in a more pocket-friendly way, focus on the details and revamp your spaces with small accessories. Some of our favourite, more affordable places to shop for statement pieces are Maisons du Monde, H&M Home, IKEA, Al-Futtaim ACE and Home Centre.

REINVENT THE EXISTING

It's time to channel your creative spark and transform your favourite pieces into a better version. You can repaint, refurbish, add handle accessories and change the whole look of a piece of



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Draperies can add some real flair to a room, but make sure you get it right

furniture by using some small tricks (i.e. re-upholstering, white-washing, etc.).

ADD BOTANICALS

It's one of our signature styling tips and doesn't cost a fortune. Focus on the spaces that feel isolated and empty, and add some botanicals. Indoor and hanging plants are lovely accessories to any space and are easy to maintain. Our tip is to invest in a nice pot and/or basket. Our favourite shops to buy affordable rattan baskets from are Maisons du Monde, IKEA and www.white-moss.com.

CUSHION FIESTA

If you want to make a significant revamp, change your existing cushions. Our tip is to choose a colour palette and mix and match your patterns. One of our favourite places for this is www.etsy.com.

THE CURTAIN FACTOR

For us, curtains are the coat of a room. They make the space cosier. One of the most common mistakes we see in most of our projects is faulty curtains – some are too short, too long, or not the right fit for the room. If this seems to be your problem, change the look and feel of your drapery. Go on Pinterest and find inspiration on your favourite style.

RUG IT UP

Some hate them, we love them. Whichever side you're on, it's always a good thing to have a nice rug in your room. For us, this is one of the most important decisions when styling – it is the base and foundation of a space upon which anyone would build.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Your main aim should be to love the space you live in. Our tip is to ask yourself how you want the space to feel first, then always remember you are the most important part of your home. Therefore, make it personal. Add your origins and DNA – it is essential in the process of creating your most perfect abode. www.cesticidecor.com.

