



## DECORATING YOUR NEW HOME



### Tools and Tips to Design a Beautiful House

After construction of your new home is complete, you are now left with a blank canvas on the inside where you can let you and your family's personality shine through. It's time to decorate your new home!

The possibilities and options almost seem endless, and sites like Houzz and Pinterest just add more ideas and inspiration into the mix. At times decorating a new house might seem overwhelming, but the process can be enjoyable!

Here are some helpful steps you can take to get your new home decorating off on the right track.

#### Create a Decorating Mood Board

Be it traditional furniture design, transitional design furnishings or a Northwoods Wisconsin Home theme, everyone has certain tastes and styles, but sometimes it's hard to get across what you are envisioning. Using those sites mentioned earlier - Houzz and Pinterest - look at photos of different homes and start to pull pictures of those rooms/accessories that fit the style you are going for in your new space. Houzz will let you save your favorites in an ideabook and you can create customized boards through Pinterest.

After you have a good number of photos that you like, take a look and see if you can find some common themes - colors, furniture styles, patterns, etc.



## **Buildout Your Floor Plan**

One of the biggest benefits of furnishing your new home is having access to the floor plan - a benefit you don't get when buying an existing home on the market. Using your home's floor plan you can sketch out how furniture, end tables and electronics will fit in the space. You'll even have the measurements of the walls and know the height of your ceilings. This will not only help you design the look of your room, but will come in handy when shopping for these items. There will no surprises when that couch gets delivered - you knew from the start the love seat was a much better fit than the nine piece sectional. Remember that things look much smaller in large warehouse stores compared to your living room.

## **Select Your Color Palette**

Using the colors from your mood board, samples of the flooring and paint you selected during the building process, you can, start putting together the colors you want to use in your new space. Many recommend to keep the larger pieces in a room such as the sofa more neutral in color while weaving in those pops of color using things like pillows, art, lamps or curtains. Then if you decide to change up your decor, those neutral pieces will still work with your new color palette.

## **Paint**

Determining your color palette will also help choose how you want to paint your room. Painting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to change up the look of a room. If painting all four walls in every room is just too much to stomach, consider just having an accent wall of color. Our selections coordinator can help you choose the right paint colors and finishes for your space, and because you are investing in new home construction you won't have to tackle the messy job of painting yourself! Talk about hassle free!

## **Determine a Budget**

Decorating can be expensive. When you are trying to furnish a whole house, it can add up fast. Working on one room at a time can help with the budgeting process. If there are pieces from your previous house that you love, use them! Just because you had a chair in the living room before, doesn't mean it won't work well in your bedroom now. Using those existing pieces will help save on dollars.

After you decided what you want to reuse, figure out how much you can spend and stick to it. Remember that money might be better spent on those larger pieces such as the sofa, end tables or area rug. Since you won't be changing these out as often as accessories, invest in them. When it comes to accessorizing, shop at places like Target, T.J. Max or Home Goods. They offer a great variety of items at affordable prices that allow you to change up the look and feel of accessories more often. Antique stores may also offer that touch of something vintage or unique.

As much as you want to get everything crossed off the to-do list when it comes to your new home, taking a step back and thinking through how you want your space to look will save you time and money in the long-run. If you still don't feel like decorating is something you can tackle after construction of your new home, hiring an interior decorator might just be the solution you need. No matter what direction you go, have fun with your new space.