

Interior Decorating Guide for Tenants

Update the lighting

Bare bulbs, or ugly lightshades? No problem. Buy some cheap yet stylish alternatives and change them over. Just make sure you keep the old ones and replace them when you leave. If you can't do anything with them (e.g. fluorescents), buy some funky floor and table lamps to draw attention away from the ceiling.

Add some greenery

Indoor plants instantly make any space feel more homely and beautiful. They also have the added bonus of helping to purify the air.

Flooring

If the flooring in your rental property isn't to your taste, large neutral rugs are a great way to create a new effect in a relatively inexpensive way. Layering with smaller decorative rugs can also create a more personalised effect.

Walls

Decals are a great way to add detail to your wall without damaging the paint underneath.

Artwork

Use self-adhesive, removable hooks to display your favourite artwork. Ensure that the hooks you use are designed to take the weight of your art. Remember, art doesn't always have to hang by a hook. Rest your pieces propped against a wall, or on top of a dresser or storage unit.

Accessories, accessories, accessories

Use throws, cushions, trinkets, rugs, ottomans etc. to bring a true sense of your own style to your home.

Change up the hardware

If the kitchen and bathroom cabinetry are looking horribly outdated, unscrew the handles and replace them with some fancier ones. Just make sure you keep the old handles and replace them when you leave.

Create your own storage space

Flat pack storage options are your best friend in rental properties. Dress them up with beautiful storage boxes, and add some artwork or trinkets resting on top.

Beautiful bedding and cushions

Personalise your bedroom with beautiful, luxurious bedding and cushions. Your bed takes up such a large portion of the room that a new design will have dramatic impact.