



TIPS FOR STYLING A BOOKCASE

If you have ever struggled with styling a bookcase, then struggle no more. Today is your lucky day! With these simple tips, you will learn step by step how to tackle it one shelf at a time. So roll your sleeves up and let's get to it



**USE WHAT YOU
ALREADY OWN**

**TACKLE IT SHELF
BY SHELF**

**DO IT ON A
SENSIBLE
BUDGET**

**TRENDY BUT
STILL TIMELESS**

**DO IT ALL IN
JUST A COUPLE
OF HOURS**

**CASA VILORA
INTERIORS**

5602 FRANZ RD
KATY TX 77493

www.CasaViloraInteriors.com

281-751-7552

BEFORE

THIS WAS OUR BOOKCASE BEFORE ANY WORK BEGAN IN THIS ROOM. MY CLIENT WANTED TO MAKE IT THE FOCAL POINT OF THE ROOM BUT STILL MAINTAINING A MINIMAL LOOK. THEY ALSO DID NOT WANT TO HAVE A LOT OF BOOKS THAT THEY COULD NOT RELATE TO, SO THAT PRESENTED A CHALLENGE. BOOKS ARE A GREAT WAY TO FILL A LARGE BOOKCASE LIKE THIS. I THINK WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH A GREAT COHESIVE LOOK THAT TIES IN WITH THE ROOM, BUT KEPT THE OVERALL LOOK CLEAN AND MINIMAL.



AFTER

HERE IS WHAT THE BOOKCASE LOOKS LIKE AFTER WE WERE FINISHED STYLING IT. NOW FOR 10 TIPS YOU CAN USE TO GET THE SAME LOOK



TIP 1

THE LOCATION OF THE BOOKCASE WITHIN THE ROOM IS VERY IMPORTANT TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU NEED TO KEEP THE ARRANGEMENT SYMMETRICAL OR NOT. IN A ROOM WHERE THE BOOKCASE IS ON EITHER ENDS OF A FIREPLACE, OR IN OUR CASE, WHERE THE BOOKCASE SPANS THE ENTIRE WALL, IT IS BETTER TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENT SYMMETRICAL.

SYMMETRICAL DOES NOT HAVE TO MEAN THAT ALL ITEMS ARE EXACTLY ALIKE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BOOKCASE. IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE ITEMS NEED TO BE SIMILAR IN SCALE, PROPORTION AND LIKENESS.

TIP 2

KEEP A LOOSE THEME IN MIND. AVOID GOING TOO THEMED (LIKE TOO COASTAL OR TOO FARM HOUSE). YOU CAN DEFINITELY HINT AT A THEME, BUT NOT EVERY ITEM HAS TO REPRESENT THAT LOOK. A SUCCESSFULLY STYLED BOOKCASE WILL HAVE MORE OF A COLLECTED FEEL, SHOWCASING PIECES YOU HAVE COLLECTED OVER TIME.

MIXING THINGS THAT HAVE SPECIAL MEANING TO YOU, WITH MORE TRENDY PIECES, CREATE A UNIQUE LOOK AND LOTS OF INTEREST

TIP 3

BOOKCASES ARE A GREAT WAY TO SHOWCASE A GROUPING OF ITEMS YOU LIKE TO COLLECT. IT IS A GREAT IDEA TO START WITH THINGS YOU ALREADY OWN AND BUILD FROM THERE.

ARRANGE A GROUPING OF JARS OR POTTERY TOGETHER ON ONE SHELF TO GIVE THEM BIGGER A IMPACT

EVEN IF YOU HAVE PIECES THAT YOU NO LONGER LOVE OR THINK THAT THEY NO LONGER LOOK GREAT, SOMETIMES COMBINING THEM WITH BOOKS AS AN ARRANGEMENT ON ONE SHELF WILL CHANGE THE PRESENTATION OF THAT PIECE. NOW IT ACTS AS A BOOKEND, OR AN ANCHOR FOR A STACK OF BOOKS

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE A UNIFIED LOOK TO YOUR ARRANGEMENTS IS PURCHASING INEXPENSIVE KNICKKNACKS (EVEN FROM THE DOLLAR STORE) AND SPRAY PAINTING THEM ALL IN THE SAME COLOR (OUR A COUPLE DIFFERENT COLORS). THIS GIVES THEM A VERY HIGH-END AND STYLISH LOOK

TIP 4

BOOKS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BREAKING UP THE LOOK OF OBJECTS IN A BOOKCASE. WITHOUT THEM, YOUR BOOKCASE MIGHT LOOK LIKE A SHELVING UNIT IN A GIFT SHOP. BOOKS ADD WARMTH AND CHARACTER. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT AN AVID READER, YOU CAN COLLECT BOOKS FOR REFERENCE ON SUBJECTS THAT YOU FIND INTERESTING, OR RELATE TO YOUR LINE OF WORK

IN THIS CASE, OUR CLIENT DID NOT WANT RANDOM BOOKS THAT DO NOT RELATE TO THE WAY THEY LIVE. SO WE CHOSE TO COVER MOST OF THE BOOKS IN BROWN BUTCHER PAPER, AND BROUGHT IN BLACK BOOKS FOR A SUBTLE CONTRAST. THIS WAS A GREAT COMPROMISE FOR USING BOOKS, BUT NOT ALLOWING THEM TO STAND OUT TOO MUCH. USING UNIFORMED COLORS FOR THE BOOKS ALSO ADD TO THE MINIMAL LOOK.

A GREAT SOURCE FOR BOOKS IN LARGE QUANTITIES: [BOOKSBYTHEFOOT.COM](https://www.booksbythefoot.com)

TIP 5

VARY TEXTURES IN A BOOKCASE ARRANGEMENT.

IN OUR EXAMPLE ABOVE, WE USED VARIOUS TEXTURES RANGING FROM SMOOTH TO ROUGH. THE SMOOTHNESS OF THE GINGER JARS, THE SHINY SURFACE OF THE METALLIC JARS, THE ROUGHNESS OF THE CLAMSHELL ORBS AND EVEN THE NATURAL TEXTURE OF THE SUCCULENTS, ALL PLAY A ROLE IN THE OVERALL LOOK AND FEEL

TIP 6

BLUE AND WHITE GINGER JARS ARE ALWAYS A GREAT ADDITION TO A BOOKCASE. THEY WORK GREAT WITH TRANSITIONAL AND TRADITIONAL SPACES. THEY ARE ONE OF THOSE ITEMS THAT GIVE AN AUTHENTIC COLLECTED FEEL TO THE BOOKCASE ARRANGEMENT, EVEN IF THEY WERE PURCHASED AT HOMEGOODS.

IF BLUE AND WHITE IS NOT YOUR THING, THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN SOLID COLORS AND LOOK A BIT MORE CONTEMPORARY. THEY ARE TYPICALLY LARGE ENOUGH TO TAKE UP A FULL SHELF IN A BOOKCASE, THEREBY MINIMIZING THE AMOUNT OF PIECES NEEDED

WHEN YOU ARE GOING FOR A MORE MINIMAL LOOK, LARGER PIECES ARE GREAT FOR FILLING SHELVES WITHOUT HAVING TO PURCHASE A LOT OF SMALL TCHOTCHKES

TIP 7

KEEP SCALE, BALANCE AND PROPORTION IN MIND. VARYING HEIGHTS OF OBJECTS ON ONE SHELF MAKES THEM LOOK A BIT MORE PLEASING TO THE EYE.

OBJECTS PLACED IN ODD NUMBERS WORK WELL IN AN ARRANGEMENT. DO NOT FILL EACH SHELF UP TO CAPACITY.

USE UP TO ABOUT TWO THIRDS TO THREE QUARTERS OF THE WIDTH OF EACH SHELF, UNLESS IT IS A GROUPING OF BOOKS.

VARY THE WIDTH OF THE ARRANGEMENT FROM SHELF TO SHELF. FOR EXAMPLE IF THE TOP SHELF HAS A JAR THAT TAKES UP ONLY ABOUT A THIRD, MAKE SURE THE SHELF JUST BELOW IT HAS AN ARRANGEMENT THAT SPANS WIDER. REPEAT THAT FOR MOST OF THE BOOKCASE. STEP BACK AND MAKE SURE IT FLOWS FROM SHELF TO SHELF

LAYER ITEMS ON A SHELF. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN HAVE A SET OF BOOKS STANDING VERTICALLY WITH BOOKENDS ON EITHER SIDE PUSHED AS FAR BACK AS POSSIBLE. YOU CAN THEN ADD ANOTHER ROW OF OBJECTS IN FRONT OF THAT ARRANGEMENT OF BOOKS FOR MORE DIMENSION.

TIP 8

FAMILY PICTURES CAN BE A GREAT ADDITON TO A BOOKCASE ARRANGEMENT. DO NOT OVER USE THEM, NEITHER SHOULD YOU HAVE THEM LINED UP FROM SHELF TO SHELF. LEANING THEM AGAINST THE BACK OF A SHELF AND THEN LAYERING OBJECTS AROUND THEM ALLOWS THEM TO FLOW SEAMLESSLY INTO THE ARRANGEMENT.

IN OUR EXAMPLE, WE USED SOME BLACK AND WHITE IMAGES OF THE COUPLES BABY GIRL FRAMED IN BLACK PICTURE FRAMES

TIP 9

EMBRACE THE TELEVISION. TV'S THESE DAYS HAVE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE DAYS WHEN DESIGNERS WOULD CRINGE AT THE THOUGHT OF USING ONE OPEN FOR THE WORLD TO SEE.

IN OUR EXAMPLE, THE BETTER OPTION WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MOUNT THE TV CENTERED IN THE NICHE, BUT OUR CLIENT PREFERED THAT WE DIDN'T. OF COURSE IT STILL WORKS WONDERFULLY. THE TV IS STILL CENTER STAGE TO MAINTAIN THE ROOM'S PURPOSE. BUT IT FLOWS BEAUTIFULLY WITH THE REST OF THE BOOKCASE

TIP 10

ADD A FEW PLANTS OR SOME OTHER NATURAL ELEMENT TO A FEW OF THE SHELVES. THE BEST PLANT TO USE ARE SUCCULENTS OR SHORT GRASSES. GREENERY ALWAYS BRINGS LIFE AND ENERGY INTO A SPACE. FLORALS ARE GREAT AS WELL, BUT THEY DON'T LAST VERY LONG.

WE HAVE USED FAUX FLORALS ON OCCASION FOR CLIENTS WHO DO NOT WANT THE MAINTENANCE OF REAL PLANTS. MAKE SURE IF YOU USE FAUX FLORALS AND GREENERY, THEY LOOK AS REAL AS POSSIBLE.

A GREAT SOURCE FOR PLANTS THAT LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING: NDI.COM

NOW YOU TRY IT!



THANK YOU FOR DOWNLOADING OUR HANDY TIPS ON HOW TO STYLE A BOOKCASE. WE HOPE THAT YOU FOUND IT USEFUL. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF YOU NEED HELP

WWW.CASAVILORAINTERIORS.COM

281-751-7552