

EVERYDAY LUX

7 WAYS TO ACHIEVE IT IN YOUR HOME.

INTRODUCTION

I am there with you. Having a busy family and still have a well put together, luxurious home may seem pretty far-fetched. An active family usually comes with big messes, which doesn't exactly go well with luxurious living.

No one wants to feel like they live in a museum, where the space is nicely decorated, but not very practical for everyday living. So the thought of decorating is usually quickly dismissed in exchange for comfort and practicality.

I hear it all the time. "I would love to decorate my home, but my kids are still very young" or "I will decorate after the kids get much older". And in the meantime, they are frustrated with the look and feel of their home, and feel like they are banished to living this way until the kids are off to college.

I don't believe that anyone should have to wait to live well in their home. Especially if it is something they really want. Your home is meant for living. It is where you feel secure, nurtured and loved. It is your sanctuary from the craziness of the world. So why shouldn't it be beautiful?

What if there are ways you can live beautifully in your home, and not have to freak out every time your kids even look at the space? What if you can have the best of both worlds: Practicality and Luxury?

This guide will give you some great ideas on how you can achieve everyday luxury in your home.

Active family? No problem

Pets? No Problem

Follow these 7 great tips and you too can achieve everyday lux in your home.



1. PAINT

The right paint finish, and even the brand, can make a world of difference in making the walls hold up to everyday living. I always recommend an eggshell finish because it is more durable and scrub-able for when little Jimmy decides to take a crayon to your walls



2. RUGS

Use rugs as much as possible to cover floors, especially where kids play. Indoor/outdoor rugs are great because they can be washed off easily when there are spills. I use them a lot in breakfast areas and kids play areas.



3. FURNITURE

Choose furniture that already have a slight distressed look, versus furniture with refined finishes. Scratches can be repaired easier when the piece already has a distressed finish.



4. FABRICS

Choose fabrics that have a stain resistant finish for upholstery and pillows. Sunbrella is great for indoor and outdoor. Crypton is a stain fighting finish that is perfect for an active family. Avoid silks and finer linens. Use linen/cotton blends, poly blends and chenille. Use slipcovers when possible.



5. STORAGE

Include as much hidden storage as possible. Coffee tables should have drawers for storing toys. A cocktail ottoman with storage works well too. Include baskets and boxes that are nicely displayed – they won't seem like storage, but are there for that function. I usually include these hidden storage pieces in public areas where kids might hangout with parents.



6. GET-AWAY

Create a private space in your home to get away to. It could be anything from a seating area in your master bedroom to a full blown man/woman cave. Being able to put your feet up at the end of the day after the kids are down for the night is a luxury every parent should have.



7. PLAY

Designate an area in the home that is just for child's play. Ideally, make it a room that is not in the public areas of the home. This is an area that your children have the freedom to make a mess and play at will (with boundaries of course). Be sure to include lots of storage and definitely keep safety in mind. Encourage them to clean up after themselves after every play session. Make it easy for them to do that.

CONCLUSION

The dictionary defines LUXURY as “the state of great comfort and extravagant living”. That might be true, but the luxury that I am talking about in this guide is “conscious living. It’s experiential. It’s comfort. It’s convenience. It’s privacy. It’s.....whatever makes your heart sing”. You get to define what luxury is to you.

Hopefully this guide has pointed you in the right direction of achieving these feelings and moods in your home, while still making it practical and user-friendly for your family to enjoy and feel comfortable in.

Please reach out to us if you need help creating that feeling of everyday luxury in your home. You can click below to schedule a consultation.

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