

CREATIVE WAYS TO ADD COLOUR TO YOUR RENTAL

The lobby group "The Committee for Sydney" recently concluded that over 40 per cent of neighbourhoods across Sydney have a majority of renters, with 'Generation Rent' becoming a major force throughout Sydney. Chances are that some of you readers are renters, which also means you may struggle to find ways to decorate your rental without breaking the rules. It's hard to not feel suppressed when you can't express your individuality through design. But don't despair, we're here to give you a few of our favourite tips that will help you add your own edge and flair to your rental without losing your security deposit.

Walls

It's not news that landlords and property managers often forbid renters from making any changes to their rental's interior paint colour. Instead of changing the wall paint, change the wall décor. Art pieces, from small-scale to large-scale look fabulous on bland walls. Find pieces that you emotionally connect with at your local Saturday markets. Don't be scared to go edgy with design and colour. Instead of framing your pieces in a classic black or white, go for an ombre of your favourite hue. Art pieces can turn your space from a living room into an understated gallery and bring a significant amount of personality into the room. For bedrooms, walls can be covered with patterned curtain. Or, you can hang pieces of fabric for an eclectic bohemian vibe.



Décor & Furniture

To enhance the boho, add more texture to your room through baskets, colourful Persian or Turkish rugs and wood furniture. In bohemianism, the saying goes “more is more”, so add a bunch of stuff you love and get ready to feel the brilliance of your new space.

For bedding, pick a print or hue that makes you feel instantly relaxed or energized. Relaxation can be found through lavender, sage or cool indigo. Conversely, sunflower, tangerine or coral can give you an instant boost. Don't forget throw pillows and blankets! These can add warmth and spice to not only your bed, but your couch, lounge chairs and more. If you feel like being extra, synch your bathroom and kitchen to your bedroom by choosing matching towels and bathmats.

Smell

While incense was historically used for spiritual and ceremonial purposes, today it is commonly enjoyed for simple aroma and aesthetic beauty. Incense can also enhance meditation, stretching sessions, reading time, baths or listening to music and podcasts, or reading blog posts like this one while enjoying your own space. For your bedroom, lavender will work for inducing a sleepy state and reducing stress and anxiety. For the bathroom, Jasmine is a scent known for love and beauty. For the living room and kitchen, Patchouli is a scent known for healthy wellbeing and mental clarity. For Christmas, Pine is a scent that will bring excitement and joy.

Start a mini gallery in your living room, bring in attention-grabbing furniture and sparkle up your abode aroma with incense and you can have a totally customised rental without coming into any trouble.