

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO

Decorating Your Condo

Unleash your inner designer with these easy tips to turn your condo into a beautiful space.



Your condo has finally been turned over to you and you can't wait to transform it into a space that truly reflects your taste and personality. There are two ways to go about decorating your condo: You can either hire a professional interior designer or opt to do it yourself. No matter which option you choose, it's definitely possible to come out with a beautifully designed home. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you embark on the exciting journey of decorating your new home.



Brainstorm for ideas.

Before you start shopping for furniture, take some time to think about what you want your space to look and feel like. Browse through design websites to learn more about the different interior design styles, such as Scandinavian, transitional, bohemian chic, and many more. Pinterest is a treasure trove of pegs and ideas you can refer to, especially when you're designing specific aspects of your home. Read design books or watch home makeover shows on TV for inspiration. You can also visit furniture stores and showrooms to get a sense of what products are available in the local market.

Create a dream board or scrapbook.

In today's digital world, it's easy to save all your pegs in a folder in your computer. But when it comes to design, it helps to go old school. Print out your chosen pegs and paste them on a dream board or scrapbook. Tear out the pages you loved from design magazines or from a furniture store's catalog and stick them on your board as well. Putting all the different pieces together will help you see which pegs go well together. When all these elements are laid out right in front of you, you'll be able to further define the design for your home.



3 Formulate a plan.

Once you've chosen a particular style, it's time to start planning. First, make a list of all the things you already have that you plan to bring into your new home. Can some of these items be repurposed to fit your design peg? Next, make a list of all the items you need to buy, along with a list of stores you need to visit. If you're on a budget, consider checking secondhand stores or online selling apps like Carousell, where you can purchase pre-loved items. While browsing, you may be tempted to buy a certain item that catches your eye right on the spot. But before you do so, you need to consider how it will fit in with all the other furniture you already have.

4 Consider your home's layout.

Check the shape and size of the different areas of your condo. Do you really have space for all the furniture you've been eyeing? Figure out what is essential and buy those pieces first. Measure the height and width of all the things you plan to buy to ensure that they will fit perfectly into your home. Don't forget to consider the size of all entryways, hallways, and elevators especially if you live in a condo. Will your furniture pieces fit inside the service elevator when they get delivered? It would be beneficial if some bulky items come in flat packs that can be easily assembled inside your unit.

5 Think about how each area will be used.

Good design isn't just about the visual aspect. It's also about functionality. You might have a really pretty kitchen, for instance, but if the space doesn't fulfill its function of allowing you to prepare food with ease, then the design did not fulfill its purpose. So when designing the different aspects of your home, keep in mind how the space will be used and factor this in when making decisions.

6 Collaborate with other designers.

Whether you hire a professional or seek a trusted friend for advice, it's always helpful to hear other people's ideas and opinions. Even if you don't agree with them on certain things, they may be able to point out details that you missed. If you're going to be living with your spouse or a family member, think of them as your design collaborators. After all, you need to agree on a design peg that everybody will be happy with.

7 Personalize it.

To make your home truly your own, add elements that are unique to you. Display photos of your family or souvenirs from your travels. If you love art, showcase paintings of artists you admire. If you're into sports, display the medals or trophies you've earned over the years. When your friends visit your place, they'll have no doubt that this home is truly yours.

Bring nature into your home.

Whether it's a herb garden in your balcony or a few succulents in your living room, plants are a great way to liven up your home, not to mention their natural air purifying benefits. Something as simple as colorful flowers in a vase adds a soft touch to your condo and makes guests feel right at home.

Check for ample lighting.

This is important in making a space both functional and beautiful. Make sure your house has natural light from windows as well as functional and ambient lighting fixtures. The good thing about Century condos is that the units come with generous windows and finished ceilings with built-in light fixtures to make the space feel bright and airy.



Avoid clutter.

With all the beautiful design elements out there, it can be tempting to cram them all into your condo. But sometimes, less is more. Instead of putting your entire collection of scented candles on the living room table, for instance, just put a few of your best pieces in first. Keeping your place clean and clutter-free makes your mind feel peaceful too.

Trust your gut.

There may be some items that seem to perfectly fit your design peg, but something's telling you it's just not right. In this case, trust your instinct. Even if you are not a professional designer, your opinion is the one that matters most. At the end of the day, you will be the one who comes home to this space, and what's important is that each item in your home makes you happy.

Tips for Hiring an Interior Designer

If going through the design process is just too overwhelming to tackle on your own, then perhaps it's time to call an expert.



Find someone you're comfortable with.

Your designer is there to help you create a beautiful home and she can only do that if you put your trust in her.

Know what you want.

Your designer can't predict your taste, so it would help if you already have an idea of how you want to style your condo. From there, she can give suggestions on how to execute your preferred style.

Be decisive.

A designer will present you with options, but at the end of the day, you have to be the one to make a decision on which colors to use or which furniture to get.

Communicate well.

Honest and open communication is key to working with a designer. Don't be shy to voice out your opinions. Your designer will appreciate it.

Consider the cost.

Rates for interior designers may vary depending on the size of your condo and the scope of work. Though it may cost you more, hiring a designer will certainly save you time and effort since she will be helping you do a lot of the legwork. Make sure to talk to her about what you need so that she can create a plan that is within your budget.

Design Inspiration

Find your dream home in one of these hyper-amenitized and design-driven developments by Century Properties.

Decorating your condo will be a breeze when you already have something amazing to work with. Aside from ensuring the high quality of their buildings and providing excellent amenities, Century Properties puts a premium on good design. They work with the best architects and brands around the world and they make sure that the shell, layout, and finishes of each condo are already at the premium level. No matter what your style preference, these beautiful spaces will inspire you to be even more creative at home.

Acqua Private Residences, Mandaluyong

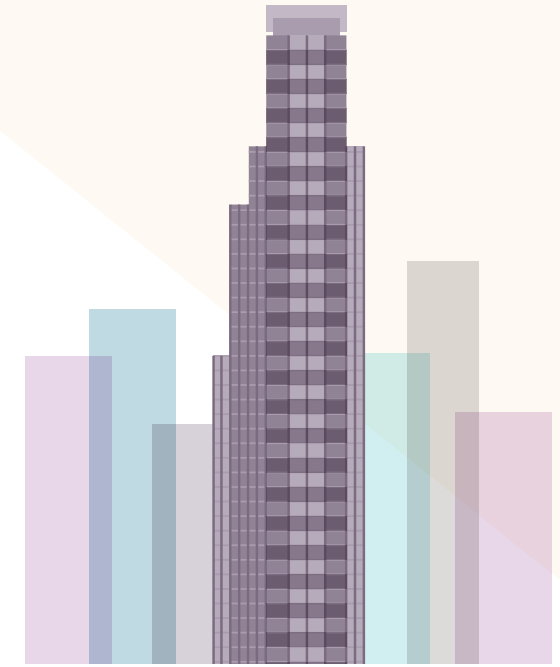
This multi-tower development is a true oasis in the midst of an urban jungle. Its rainforest-infused design exudes a sense of calm into anyone who lives here. Two of the five residential towers feature stunning interior designs in collaboration with international brands, namely:

- **Livingstone** (interior design by MissoniHome) – Italian fashion house Missoni is known for its playful use of fabrics and vibrant color patterns. This limited-edition building combines high style with breathtaking architecture to create a fun and fashionable home.
- **Iguazu** (yoo inspired by Starck) – This brand combines the experience of one of the

world's most celebrated designers, Philippe Starck, and the vision of international property developer John Hitchcox to create the artisanal interiors of Acqua Iguazu. Yoo creates extraordinary spaces which are both functional and exquisitely designed.

Azure Urban Resort Residences, Parañaque

It's summer all-year round at this nine-tower tropical-inspired residential community. Azure features the country's first man-made beach in a residential development and the world-renowned Paris Beach Club, designed by international style icon Paris Hilton. Inspired by her luxurious and elegant style, the Paris Beach Club integrates world-class dining,



relaxation, and entertainment facilities in a beautiful tropical setting. Meanwhile, each unit echoes resort-style living with its bright interiors and relaxing ambiance.

Century City, Makati

Located in the vibrant neighborhood of Poblacion, Makati, Century City is an exclusive commercial center and enclave of luxury residential towers that have won numerous awards for architecture and design.

- **The Milano Residences** – With a distinct Italian design language, this 52-storey building will make you feel like a resident of one of the world's most fashionable cities - Milan.



The Residences at Commonwealth by Century, Quezon City

This unique residential enclave was designed by award-winning international architecture firm Broadway Malyan, the same urban planners that created Azure Urban Resort Residences and Acqua Private Residences. Known for creating buildings with a strong sense of purpose and identity, Broadway Malyan created a vertical village inspired by the land's natural topographic lines. Each building has a distinct cranked design that optimizes sunlight and the cool breeze, making it a refreshing mid-rise development at the heart of Quezon City. With its cutting-edge architecture and state-of-the-art engineering combined with superior landscaping and waterscaping, this property is a prime example of integrated sustainable design.

Not only will you be inspired by this condo's design, you'll also get a chance to nurture your creativity through Commonwealth by Century's one-of-a-kind amenities that are specifically catered for different hobbies and interests. Hone your talent in music at the rock and roll studio, develop your artistic side at the arts and crafts studio, learn how to cook at the show kitchen, show off your moves at the dance studio, and strengthen your body at the outdoor boot camp. You can also encourage your children to play and learn at the creche and kindergarten, a special room on the first floor of the clubhouse for kids that are eight months to three years old.

- **Trump Tower Philippines** – Trump buildings around the world are known for their spectacular views, prime locations and luxurious amenities—and Trump Tower Philippines is no different. All aspects of the building, be it design or otherwise, are characterized by superior quality, detail, and perfection.
- **Century Spire** – Architect Daniel Libeskind, the master planner of New York's Ground Zero and the Reflections at Keppel Bay, Singapore, designed this building's superlative architecture. Inside the building, you'll find elegant and sophisticated interiors designed by Armani/Casa, the world leader in luxury furnishings.
- **The Gramercy Residences** – This magnificent 71-storey building was borne out of a design collaboration between top Filipino architectural firm Roger Villarosa Architects & Associates and the world-famous Jerde Partnership. As the Philippines' first fully-furnished, fully-serviced, hyper-amenitized and fully-technologized condominium, this luxury tower is just as grand and modern as New York's luxury towers.
- **The Knightsbridge Residences** – Inspired by the finest address in England, this luxury condominium is fit for royalty. Its designer interiors are marked by high ceilings, bold colors, and chic furniture, making you feel like a king or queen in your own home.