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## WAYS YOUR HOME DECORATING PROJECT GETS STUCK

*...and what to do about it!*



### 1. UNFOCUSED BROWSING

Looking for inspiration on the internet – without structure, a specific goal, or a way to keep track of your research – can be overwhelming and exhausting. Do it productively!

*TO DO: Create a folder or bookmark rooms that appeal to you and make specific notes about the details you like.*



### 2. PAINTING YOUR WALLS FIRST

There's a huge, almost endless, world of color options out there – and far fewer options for furniture, fabrics, and rugs that will appeal to you.

*TO DO: Unless your walls are a dramatic element of your design plan, pick paint color after you've made other design choices.*



### 3. BUYING A SOFA WITH NO PLAN

Size matters. When it comes down to it, there are actually a limited number of sofas which will fit in your space.

*TO DO: Create a layout on paper first and carefully plot where the sofa fits best and how it will work with all of your other furniture.*



### 4. USING IN-HOUSE DESIGNERS

They can be helpful, but they don't work for you. You won't get a full view of what's possible because they are limited by what is sold by their store.

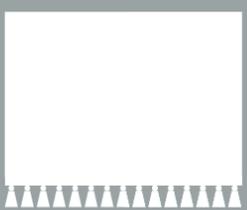
*TO DO: Shop for unique accessories – even online or from consignment shops! – to make the design your own.*



### 5. STARTING WITH "SPECIAL"

Starting with something very different from your current style or buying something simply because it was on sale early in your design process, can be limiting.

*TO DO: Let "special" pieces drive a totally new direction from the start or make sure they compliment your design.*



### 6. BUYING A RUG BLIND

The size of the rug you need is dependent on the configuration of your furniture. Often, you can save a lot of money buying a much smaller rug.

*TO DO: Know your arrangement before buying a rug.*



### 7. NOT KNOWING YOUR "WHY"

There are endless ways to make a home "look" better, but figuring out how you want to *feel* in it will make your decisions so much easier.

*TO DO: Focus on the feeling first. How do you really want to live in your home and how do you want people to feel in it? Make sure your furniture and decor choices meet your day to day needs, but also make you feel relaxed and happy to be home when you walk in the door.*