



MIX AND MATCH
Use a variety of textures and prints in similar hues to make an eclectic and comfy collection of cushions.

FIND FITTING ACCENTS
Check that your furniture's hardware is compatible with new legs to avoid decorating disappointment.

Create custom comfort

Even a total couch potato can spruce up a simple sofa. First, toss the back cushions in favour of mix-and-match throw pillows with sturdy feather inserts. For an extra hit of style, replace the legs with vintage-looking, turned-wood spindles (available at large hardware stores). Spray paint or stain will make them blend in or stand out to suit your preference.

Couch, by Ikea. Legs, at the Home Depot. Rug, by West Elm. Books, at Indigo. Polka-dotted cushion, by PC Home. Rosette cushions and side table, at Urban Barn. Lamp base, by Bouclair. Lampshade, by Pier 1 Imports. Solid and striped cushions and floor pillow, by Blissliving Home. Glass, by Pier 1 Imports. Wallpaper, Barbara Hunanicki Viva, at Graham & Brown.



LIGHTEN UP

Look for lightweight materials, such as foam beads or wooden pieces, that won't add too much weight to a delicate mirror.

Shell out

Make your entrance grand with a one-of-a-kind update to a standard dressing mirror. Build a textured frame on top of the plastic casing with some seashells or beads, a glue gun and a little patience. There is no need to follow a pattern: Imperfections just add personality. Add a quick coat of grey spray paint at the end to modernize it – just be sure to protect the mirror with plastic before you apply it.

Mirror, at Canadian Tire. Sideboard, at Ikea. Rug, at West Elm. Horsehead sculpture, at Urban Barn. Glass ball and tea-light holder, at Bouclair. Lamp, at Pier 1 Imports. Wallpaper, Macintosh Rose, by Graham & Brown. Paint, Arctic Grey, by Rust-Oleum.

Show some leg

The curved lines and petite proportions of this side table and console make them suited to be a nightstand and vanity. Before assembling the pieces, give them a light sanding to remove the original faux-mahogany finish, then add a few glimmering coats of silver paint. Glam it up with an oversized bauble pull, and your dressing table will look as special as the jewellery you put on top of it.

Tables, at Walmart. Headboard and rug, by West Elm. Ottoman and lamp, by Bouclair. Dish, at Urban Barn. Bedding, by Blissliving Home. Wallpaper, Amelie, at Graham & Brown. Paint, Warm Silver and Platinum, by Modern Masters. Knobs, at Châtelet.



SMOOTH IT OUT
Use a sponge brush to get a streak-free surface without using spray paint.



GO BIG
Glue down an extra-large piece of fabric, then trim the excess with a utility knife.

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Fake a finish

A coffee table is the centre of attention in many living rooms, so why not make it shine? We chose a large one, made from particleboard and melamine, that has extra room for storage. Silver vinyl fabric in a faux-croc texture makes a show-stopping and water-resistant centerpiece. To bond the cover securely to the tabletop, brush contact cement on both the table and the underside of the fabric. We coordinated the rest of the surface with no-prep, super-adhesive spray paint that covered the table completely in just two coats. Table and chairs, by Ikea. Bowl, at Urban Barn. Elephant, by Bouclair. Rug, by West Elm. Pillows, by Blissliving Home. Paint, Arctic Grey, by Rust-Oleum. Wallpaper, Barbara Huanicki Viva, at Graham & Brown.