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YOUR FURNITURE PLAN:

The “where” is just as important as the “what”

As the famous saying goes, “it’s not just the tools in your toolbox that get the job done – it’s how you use them.” Think of your furnishings as tools that serve a functional, spatial and aesthetic purpose when used correctly.

As a stylist and “re-designer,” I find that more often than not, the furnishings themselves aren’t the problem. Rather, it’s their arrangement that can make a home feel cramped, inefficient or awkward.

SO, WHAT’S THE TRICK TO PROPER FURNITURE PLACEMENT IN YOUR SPACE?

The first step is to measure and then measure again.



The size of your space will define the type of furnishings you will incorporate and how many pieces you will need.

Can't wait to visit the showroom? Do not rush! Measuring is an important step that should not be missed. I often find that furniture looks smaller in the store because of its wide, open space and high ceiling. When you bring that L-shaped sofa home, it takes up your **whole** living area. Measuring before buying will help you avoid any unpleasant surprises and the hassle of returns.

ONCE YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF THE SIZE, THINK ABOUT THE FUNCTION.

In today's modern, open-concept homes, a single space will need to serve many purposes. For instance, an open concept main floor will be used as a foyer, dining area, living area, family room and work space – all in one. With a solid plan complemented by the right furniture selections, this is possible in a single space.

HERE, “ZONING” COMES INTO PLAY.

Think about creating several intimate conversation areas, achieved through the use of colours and some strategic elements. One or two chairs, a side table, a great lamp, and a mid-sized rug underfoot are all you need.

As you plan out the zones in your space, think about your traffic patterns. How do you walk through the room to get to an adjoining space or another zone within the room?

TIP: *In a dining area, you'll need at least three feet of space between your wall and the dining chair to allow room to pull the chair out without bumping into the wall.*

With that said, intimacy is key to a good conversation zone. Don't be afraid to place a couple of chairs close together and tell someone your story!

Beautiful furniture that's improperly placed will fall flat. Redesigning a room to get that “wow” factor often involves coupling a few new furniture finds with your existing pieces and a well-planned perspective on how to place them.

