

HOW TO MAKE A BIG IMPACT WITH SMALL LUXURIES

by Sara Bederman

As an aficionado of all things beautiful, my instinct is to go big or go home. But as a designer, I can attest that a little luxury goes a long way in your home when incorporated in the right places and in the right ways. Consider those “small luxuries” that won’t break the bank, but that can take the overall look and feel of your space to the next level.

A simple interior edit can include some artful updates and upgrades and is an ideal approach if you already love the general ambience of your home but want to up the ante. It’s also great if you’re on a budget. Here are some small-scale yet big-impact ways to boost your home’s luxe appeal.

Kitchens and bathrooms generally yield the best return on investment, so I recommend starting here first. If there is any budget left over, you can share the wealth, so to speak.

Hardware is like the jewellery of the home and can contribute to an overall tone of luxury in small spaces like a kitchen or bathroom. Cabinet knobs and drapery hardware can be selected to accent cabinetry and furniture and add a dose of extravagance. With so many styles available, choose im-

pectful pieces that attract the eye with the right amount of sparkle or shine. Consider incorporating glass, crystal, polished metals or anything that shines.

DESIGNER’S PICK: *They say diamonds are a girl’s best friend, but when it comes to drapery hardware, crystals are the next*



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best thing. These stunning European drapery finials, available at Deco & Deco, come in a wide range of styles and metal finishes and add the right amount of sparkle. They even offer handmade Italian Murano glass finials. Remember: when it comes to luxurious living, more is definitely more.

When selecting your metals for hardware and plumbing fixtures, choose passionately. Gold plumbing fixtures are particularly trendy right now, widely available in polished and brushed finishes. The look is rich and warm. When done right, gold and brass tones can add a pop of patina to your space. If you're not completely sold on gold, you can never go wrong with classic stainless steel. Since this is a much more common material versus its gold or bronze counterparts, focus more on the shape to make a sumptuous statement.



TRENDING NOW: The Soriano Collection by British bathroom brand Victoria +Albert is a modern collection of Italian-made fixtures, featuring a classic stainless steel finish and a slim, streamlined silhouette. I love this versatile design, which isn't overly masculine or feminine, making it a great, neutral choice for any style bathroom.

When decorating with lofty goals for luxury looks, my best advice is this: pay attention to the details. When you find yourself sitting in the supple leather seat of a luxury car, or admiring the finer points of your Chanel handbag, you'll always find yourself drawn to those not-so-minute details. After all, you did take notice, didn't you? Think about what took your experience to the next level. Then, take those cues and apply them to your home.



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