



BUDGET CHECKLIST FOR HOME DECOR

**A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO
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BY OUR EVERYDAY HOME

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PLAN AHEAD

SHOP YOUR OWN HOME

- Begin with shopping your own home. Go throughout the house, and look for items you can re-purpose.
- Check the closets for items that aren't in use.
- Think outside the box about how you could paint or change items you find to fit the aesthetic you are going for in the new space.

CREATE A BUDGET

ORGANIZE YOUR BUDGET

- Create a realistic budget that will not break the bank for your family. Keeping up with the Joneses may make you happy for awhile, but do not do it at the expense of having nice things.
- Price out what you are willing to spend on each piece of decor. Below I will give you an example of how I do this when I am redecorating a room.
- Create a detailed list of what you would like to put in the room.

GET INSPIRED

FIND INSPIRATION

- *Pinterest* isn't the only place for inspiration anymore. You can also check out Instagram to find spaces that you want to recreate.
- As you browse for **inspiring spaces**, choose a color palette that goes with the spaces you have already created. This will help keep you on budget.
- Check out what anchors the rooms that you are inspired by. i.e. is it the rug, the light fixture, etc.

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CHOOSE YOUR MUST HAVES

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- Begin listing items that you know you cannot live without. Those are going to be your anchor items. For example, in my master bedroom our *Terracotta Loren rug* was the one item I had to have.
- Look for *save vs splurge* items. If you need a source for those, I have a few resources on my [blog](#).
- Make a list of all of the items you plan to buy, and do your best not to stray from the list when shopping in store or online.

PICTURE PERFECT

ALWAYS TAKE PICTURES

- Whether you shop online or in store, my number one tip is to have a picture of your space with you. ALWAYS. If you don't you may find it hard to picture items in your room you are shopping for.
- I also typically take pictures of the items that I will be re-purposing for the space. For example, if I have a vase that I will be using that was already in my home, I take a picture of it as well.

GIRL LISTEN

QUICK TIPS I'VE LEARNED

- You may have heard someone say, "Oh just buy it, you'll find a place for it." Girl don't. Save your money and find something you KNOW you will use. Believe me!
- Measure your space before buying anything. It will not only save you time, but it will save you money. Always measure.
- Just because it's trendy doesn't mean you have to like it or buy it. Get what YOU like. I promise you'll be happier in the long run.

