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TIPS FOR HOME ACCESSORIZING

It's true; I can't help it. Years ago I worked in the crystal-buying office of Macy's and thought all of my dreams had come true—pretty things that were shiny everywhere! Today, I collect Josh Simpson art glass paperweights and Lalique fish. They make me smile when I see them in my home.



So why am I telling you this? It is to let you know that I understand collecting. I have a strong belief that the items you choose to place on your furniture should be personal and collected by you.

The quick rules of flat surface accessorizing are:

- Try and keep it to odd numbers of items (3 or 5).
- Do not pyramid these items; have high and low points mixed up.
- Do not line them up like soldiers; move some forward and some back.
- Allow at least half of the tabletop to be seen.

The number one thing that will make a home feel well-designed is the space plan. The number two thing, and just as important, is how you accessorize your home. Just because you collect doesn't mean that every flat surface in your home needs to be covered in these collections.

I have a very dear friend who collects silver. She has more silver than a silver museum. The key to her collection is that she has found

a way to organize and house her collections. Silver flatware chests, large sideboards with glass doors, curio coffee tables—all full of well-organized silver. It is polished; it is beautiful. She does not have silver on every flat surface making her home look like an antique shop.

As Coco Chanel famously said, "Before you leave the house, look in the mirror and take one thing off." Too many accessories will make guests to your home feel overwhelmed. Limited, well-chosen accessories that are placed properly will have your guests marveling at your good taste. 🏠

The quick rules of hanging pictures on a wall:

- Family photographs are meant to be hung in gallery fashion in the private areas of your home. This means the hallway to the family bedrooms or the stairway to the private areas of the home.
- Most people hang pictures too high. They should be lower, as only on rare occasions is everyone in the room standing. Make sure that you can see them if you are standing, but that you can also see them if you are seated.
- Cluster the art and leave a few areas without anything on the walls. This allows a moment of relief from visual stimulus and allows your art to bring character and balance to the room.



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