

THE TOP FIVE

TIPS FOR
DECORATING ON
A BUDGET



1 SCATTER CUSHIONS

Cushions are the cheapest and fastest way to change colour and themes in a room. You can pick up great cushions from Spotlight, Target and Adairs that work well for layering. Mix these with some special ones from more selective stores or choose your own fabric and have them made.

2 ADD FLOWERS
Flowers add colour and create a lovely feel and warmth in any home. They don't need to be expensive. Grab some cuttings from the garden. Even greenery in a vase can look amazing. Artificial flowers also work well, just make sure they are not too plastic looking.

3 USE PAINT
Painting is one of the most cost-effective ways to create a new look. Instead of a feature wall, try to create a subtle contrast with the main wall colour. This may be only one

or two shades darker, so is a change in tone and therefore not as severe as a traditional feature wall.



4 SEARCH FOR HOMEWARES

Some of department stores such as Target and H&M are getting more savvy with their homewares. Scout around regularly to see what they have to offer. A basic vase or scatter cushions teamed with more expensive pieces can create a great collection. Even Megan Morton buys from \$2 shops to mix with other items for her styling results. Op shops can also have some really good second-hand finds.



5 REUPHOLSTER
Instead of buying a new sofa or chairs, consider having them reupholstered, particularly if you like the shape. Good quality furniture with updated fabrics creates a new piece at a fraction of the cost. Even sofas with skirts can be remodelled to make them more contemporary.