

## **ART FOR YOUR SPACE**

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Have you ever moved into a new residence with furniture and the appliances in place but due to their placement and surrounding bare walls the space still has a feeling of emptiness? Perhaps you may have works of art you wish to adorn your new space, however, you discover your tastes and interests have changed or your new environment does not readily accept your previous interior decorating layout. As a result of this realization, you embark upon creating a strategy to overhaul your new space and have it look as you imagine it should.

The first step to achieving this goal is to understand that a single piece of art never looks the same in different locations. Proportions of space, architectural lines, colours on the wall, exposure to light from different angles and other furnishings influence how we perceive art and its impact on us. When considering selections for your home it is necessary to explore many ideas and ask questions such as:

- What period or genre will best enhance my home's interior?
- What kind of art will properly reflect my personality?
- What kind of art will add vibrancy and character to my space?

The best way to approach this is to pause for a moment and reconsider your options. Examine your current artwork with an appraising eye and decide whether there are new ways of displaying it. If most of your art works are smaller pieces you still want to keep for sentimental value, gather them all together and hang them on one wall. Allow your imagination to flow, to contemplate a fresh approach and make an arrangement that will leave a lasting impression and elevate the space to a completely new level.

Upon taking care of your favourite memories you can focus on acquiring new pieces. For your main spaces you can choose larger and bolder artwork, pieces that can make a statement and stand or hang on their own. Whether you have a personal preference for a certain period or you opt for an eclectic mixture, strive to create a balance that will best express your essence and reflect your interests and aspirations.

The look of your home as well as the atmosphere and the feeling you desire to achieve will largely depend on the choice and placement of acquired art. Hence, it is important to follow your heart in choosing pieces that resonate with you, inspire you and stimulate you. Ultimately you want to create a world of magic in your own space so, when you glimpse into it through an open door, you know instantly that a sanctuary of wonder and harmony is there for you to cherish and enjoy.