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## How to live in luxury

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### Live in luxury

One of the most decadently enjoyable parts of being a tourist is being able to savour the stylish indulgence of staying in luxury hotels.

But what if you could to experience this kind of sumptuous comfort on a daily basis – even if it is just in a small way?

“No matter what your budget is, with careful planning and some forethought, it is possible to achieve a lavish and luxurious lifestyle at home,” says Claire Gibson from leading motion

furniture manufacturer, La-Z-Boy.

“Even though high-class hotels don't come cheap – they employ the best-of-the-best designers and only use the most lavish materials – you will be surprised at what you can accomplish on your own.”

Here are her tips on how to make your home look and feel like a luxury hotel.

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## Choose a neutral colour palate

The colour palette should be gender-neutral and above all, calming and serene.

The colour scheme should err towards a more neutral colour scheme, such as soft beige, light grey, pale blues and white. You can always add a pop of glamour by including a dash of metallic tones – such as silver, bronze or gold.

## Go for good-quality furniture and materials

In a luxury hotel, only the best of everything is used – from fittings to furniture and décor pieces. Not only do top-of-the-line pieces look good, they generally last much longer too.

Choose the best quality items that you can afford – it is better to have less, but the few items that you do have are high-end pieces. Items that you should never skimp on include flooring, beds and bedding, rugs, window dressing and seating.

## Err on the side of simplicity

Choose furniture that is sophisticated, timeless and plain, over pieces that are overly fussy and intricate.

Use seating with clean, sophisticated lines to create a neutral and clean foundation. A streamlined Norman or Houston recliner from La-Z-Boy, for example, boasts elegant contemporary design lines and can be easily updated with colourful scatter cushions to reflect the latest trends.

## Focus on areas of respite

Like a hotel room, your home should offer refuge from the stresses and strains of life. As such, it is important to pay extra attention to rooms where you relax and unwind, such as the bathroom, the bedroom and the living room.

Layer these areas with sumptuous materials and to include items of furniture that makes the experience of that room one of supreme comfort. For example, high-end motion furniture not only looks stylish, but they also make the act of being seated sumptuously comfortable and inviting.

## Include a good lighting scheme

Lighting is something that should never be overlooked. After all, a hotel is never dark or dreary; it is well lit with chandeliers, wall sconces, downlights, lamps and mood lighting.

Be sure to include a layered lighting design in every room, where the lighting can be dimmed or made brighter, depending on the mood you are going for.

## Climate control is a must

Air conditioning and heating are essential elements for a true hotel-type living experience.

Be sure to include adequate air-conditioning and heating in your home for a luxurious feel. A fireplace, whether gas or wood-burning, will take the hotel ambience to the next level.

## A sensory experience

The décor, if well executed, will appeal to most of your senses, but don't forget the sense of smell.

You can transform an experience of a space with inviting scents. This can be achieved with scented candles, diffusers and fresh flowers.

## Avoid the clutter

When decorating to emulate a hotel, clutter is the enemy.

All spaces in a hotel are neat and organised. There is nothing in a hotel space that is not meant to be there – everything has been chosen and carefully arranged for the best possible aesthetic end result.

Choose your decor pieces wisely, and be sure to include enough storage so that all your day-to-day items can be neatly stowed out of the way.

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## Recreation is key

Hotels are all about relaxing and enjoying yourself, and although you may not have the budget to include a sauna or indoor pool in your home, you can still try and mimic the concept of recreational style.

You could amp up recreation spaces and create an in-home cinema feel by including motion furniture, great lighting and sound to ensure that using it is a memorably luxurious experience.

## Bring nature inside

No well-appointed hotel should ever be short of elegant, aromatic flower arrangements and luscious green foliage.

Try including flower arrangements in your home or, if you have budget constraints, attractive house plants like orchids, lilies and delicious monsters.



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