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Luxury Living without the Price Tag: Designer Insights

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Within the realm of interior and exterior design, the concept of luxury transcends price tags. Our Haute Design Experts shed light on the notion that genuine luxury is the fruit of inventive thinking, astute choices, and the art of capturing opulence through an unwavering focus on the elements that genuinely leave a lasting impact. Explore the transformative insights of leading interior designers as they redefine luxury, unraveling the secrets to crafting high-end living spaces.



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Luxurious spaces are not dependent upon how much money you spend on them. You are probably well aware of the spaces you have seen in magazines or on celebrity feeds that may look expensive but are not luxurious. You wonder why they spent all that money and ended up with something less than stellar.

Another way to consider this is through fashion. Have you ever gone to a fancy charity event and the most interesting outfit is not necessarily the most expensive in the room? Or have you admired a creative piece of jewelry that has no precious gems in it? Are you sure that the T-shirt under that Chanel suit is from Chanel, or could it be from Target?

Spending more does not guarantee success, and spending less is not a crime. Creativity and imagination are the most valuable tools of the designer. If you want a space to look luxurious, think about texture, touch, lighting, color. Think about the most important elements of the design, and spend your dollars there, while moderating the budget for less important and less noticeable features.

The image above shows a refresh of a great room in New England. The window seats, the dark blue chairs and the ottoman were re-upholstered rather than bought new. The sofa, art and accessories were bought new, and a new rug in the new color palette was made custom. We also updated the paint colors. Some of these items were very expensive, some moderate, and the sconces were free (we kept the existing). Don't throw things out just because they are old. Reuse and repurpose and refresh. (now if we could figure out how to do that for my wrinkles...)



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Elizabeth Cinquini Interiors

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Are you tired of your boring powder room and dreaming of a luxurious upgrade without breaking the bank? You're in luck! This is how Elizabeth Cinquini Interiors can turn your dull powder room into a lavish oasis on a budget.

First, consider creating an eye-catching focal point by adding an accent wall. This can be achieved through the use of cool, intricate tiles or stylish wallpaper. A vibrant accent wall will instantly elevate the room's aesthetic and infuse it with a sense of wonder.

Next, swap out your old vanity for a fresh one with a punch of color. Opt for a bold hue that complements your accent wall or adds a delightful contrast. To further enhance the luxurious feel, invest in an antique brass faucet and incorporate a sleek, contemporary framed mirror. This small addition not only exudes instant luxury but also imparts a timeless charm to your powder room.

With these budget-friendly ideas, you can easily turn your boring powder room into a space that exudes elegance and sophistication, without breaking the bank. So, go ahead and transform your powder room into a luxurious retreat that you'll be proud to show off to your guests.



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Luxury is infused into outdoor living design through the use of high-end materials and over-the-top features; but greenery is a tool anyone or any budget can use for raising the level of luxe in exterior spaces. “Always a factor in the personalization of our luxury outdoor designs is the creative use of landscape elements,” said Ryan Hughes, founder and creative director, Ryan Hughes Design. “Whether in singular pots to multi-terrace expanses, plantings can be used to define and ultimately soften exterior spaces whatever their size.” Structural plants such as agave or Hawaiian Ti can be effective in mimicking architectural elements while bringing rich looking hues to liven up the appearance and feel of cool outdoor surfaces.

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