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# What Does Adding Warmth to a Space Actually Mean? **Experts Weigh In**

Invite soft, cozy feels into your home.

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Warmth on the skin feels good physically, but a warmly decorated home? A treat for the eyes and soul.

As it turns out, creating a warm space goes beyond using a heater. Hence, we consulted a couple of experts in the decor world to break down what adding warmth to a room means—in the design sense—and share their top tips so you, too, can create a cozy cocoon that you never want to leave.

## What Does Adding Warmth to a Space Mean?

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With the design pros, a few keywords stood out: welcoming but intimate and layered with cozy character.



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makes a house feel like a home—as Rayana Schmitz, founder and lead designer of [Firefinish Interiors](#), puts it.

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Think of the “warm aesthetic” as the complete opposite of cold, sterile, and impersonal interiors. It appeals to all senses and better yet, is enjoyable to be in.

# 8 Tips for Adding Warmth to Your Home

## Wooden Accents Are a Must

Experts agree: spaces with wooden accents appear a lot warmer than those with mainly metal and glass pieces. Whether [wood paneling](#), parquet flooring, timber beams, a chunky coffee table, or wooden shelving, nothing says natural warmth like this versatile material.

Floss Kelly, co-founder of [TileCloud](#), and her team never fail to incorporate wooden elements in the bathrooms and kitchens they design, noting that the organic touch easily contributes to a cozy atmosphere.

“It doesn't have to be solid timber,” Kelly shares. “Timber laminate or other fake wood options give a similar look for a more wallet-friendly

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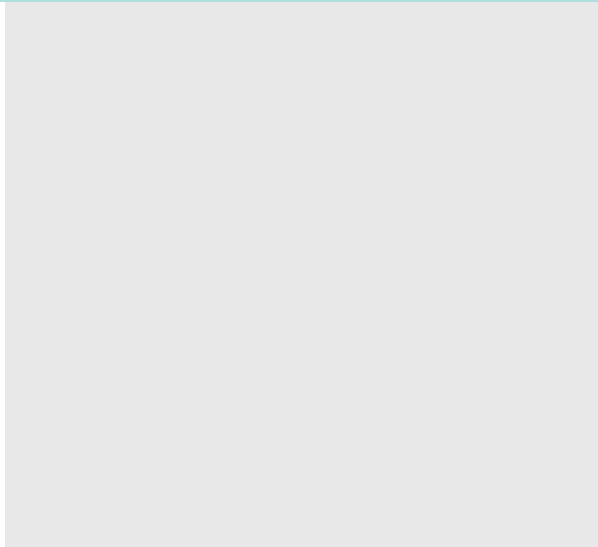
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## Play Around With Textures

Let's be honest, monotonous interiors with little variation are rarely warm and inviting. Thankfully, this is where texture comes into play.

“Think plush rugs, tactile fabrics, and inviting throws that not only provide physical warmth but also visually enrich the space,” Schmitz says.

Likewise, Emily Auffrey, home decorator and blogger behind [Joy Blooms At Home](#), is a big fan of [mixing and matching textures](#) such as rattan, boucle, chenille, and suede.

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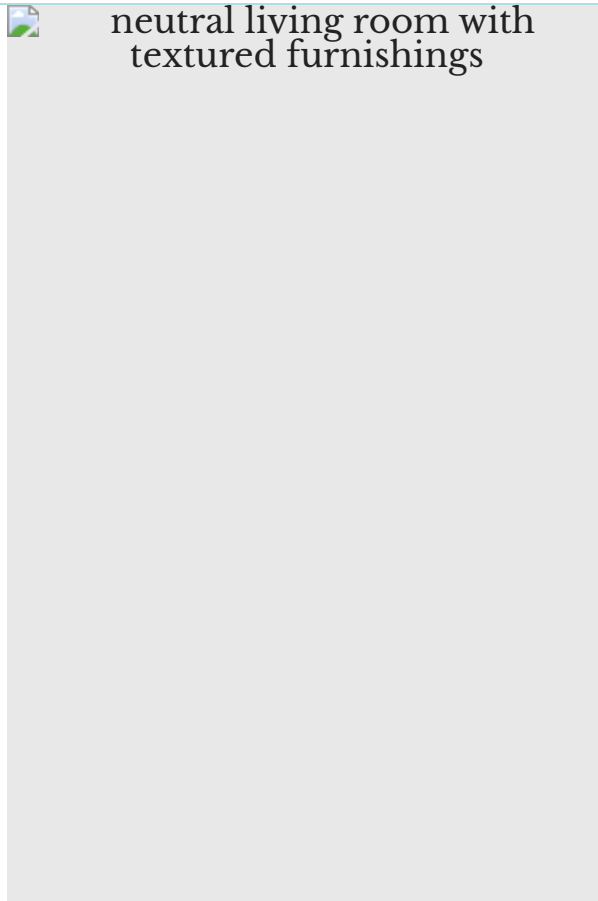
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## Incorporate Warm and Inviting Colors

By no means should you throw out all your non-warm-toned furniture and repaint your entire home. In fact, Kelly notes that balancing light and dark colors can significantly impact the warmth

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As for color choices, you don't have to solely stick to safe, creamy neutrals (talking about you, beige). [Earthy tones](#)—like deep green, chocolate brown, and mustard yellow—along with rich shades—such as burgundy—all translate into a feeling of visual warmth without screaming “boring” or “typical”.

Plus, there are tons of easy, low-commitment ways to weave these inviting hues into your design scheme.

For example, you could swap out your bedding, hang [removable wallpaper](#), bring in a new rug, replace your lamp shades, or stretch a slipcover over your couch, to name a few.

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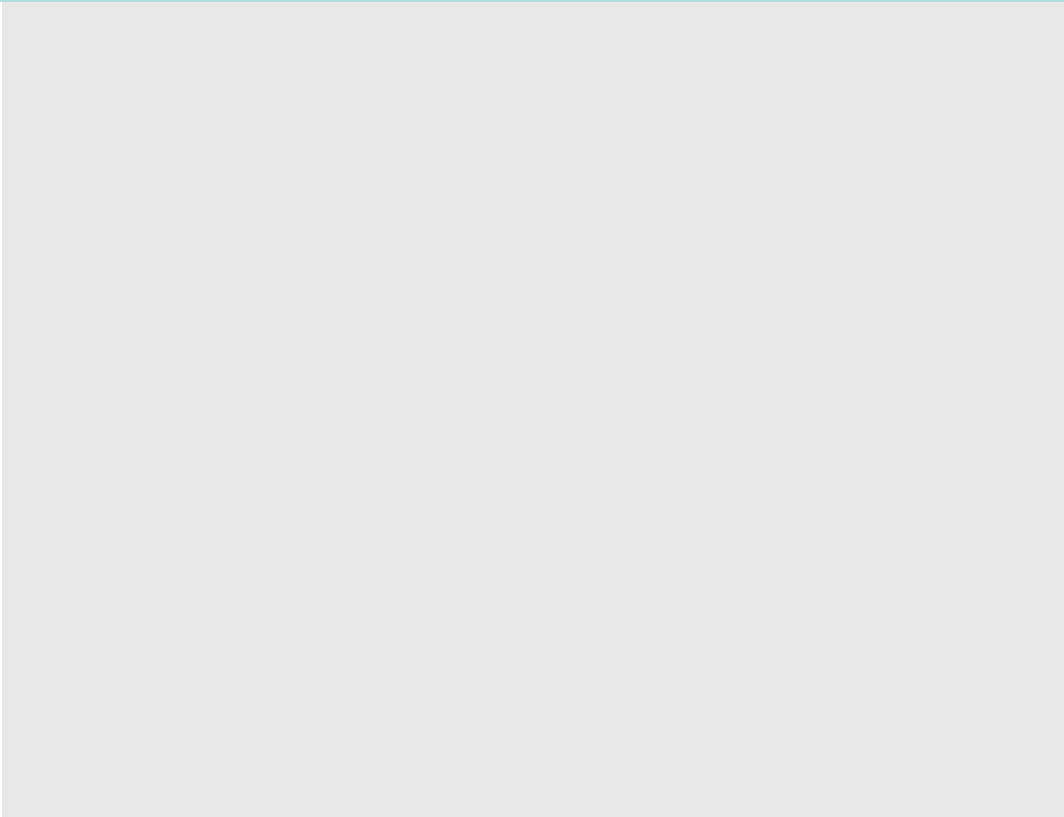
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## Rethink Your Lighting

Lighting holds more power than we think. It can affect our mood (both positively and negatively) as well as make a space look bigger or smaller.

Yet, many of us settle for harsh overhead ceiling lights—you know, the ones that give you a cool tone, keeping us alert and energetic at work. But at home, lighting should be relaxing and winding down. <sup>[1]</sup>

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the coffee table, fireplace mantel, bathroom counter, and every other (safe!) surface.

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softening hard lines with their organic shape, houseplants bring much-needed color and zen, among an abundance of health benefits.

Take a cue from Auffrey, who filled her living room with lots of leafy greens (pictured below). Imagine walking into that room and instantly feeling calm and at ease—that right there is what a warm design style exudes.



## Tip

Contrary to popular belief, [plants don't have to be expensive](#). Take a trip to your local nursery, propagate existing plants, or [start from seeds](#) for a budget-friendly alternative.

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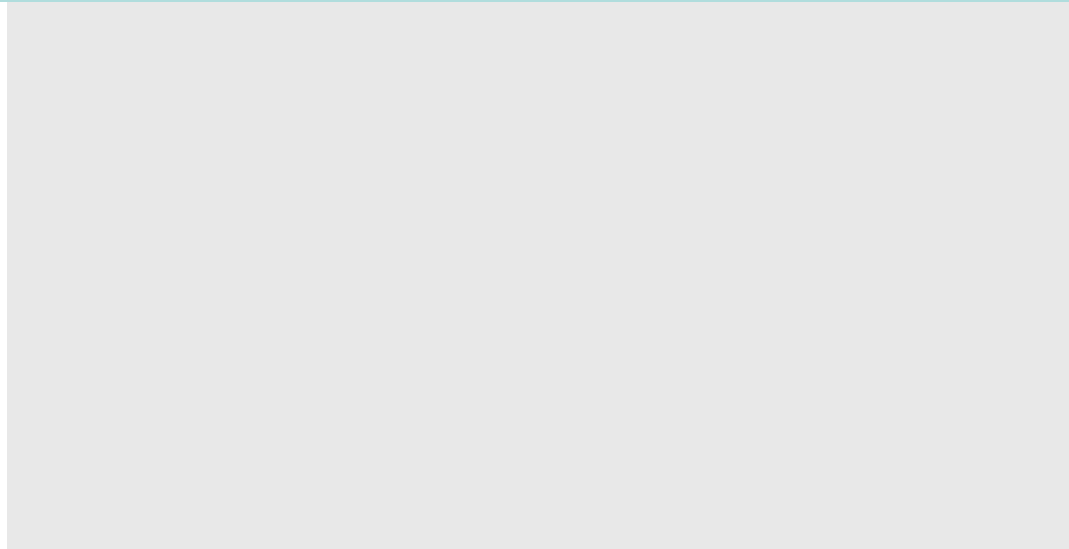
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## Add Charming Vintage Elements

“As a lover of vintage and historical themes, I personally think adding yesteryear elements tends to immediately telegraph warmth to a space,” shares Sam Jernigan, interior designer of [Renaissance Design Consultations](#).

For this reason, she went ahead and designed her home using both antiques as well as reproductions that incorporate a step-back-in-time appeal.

“These classics are also timeless so they deliver the added benefit of [timeless appeal](#),” she asserts.

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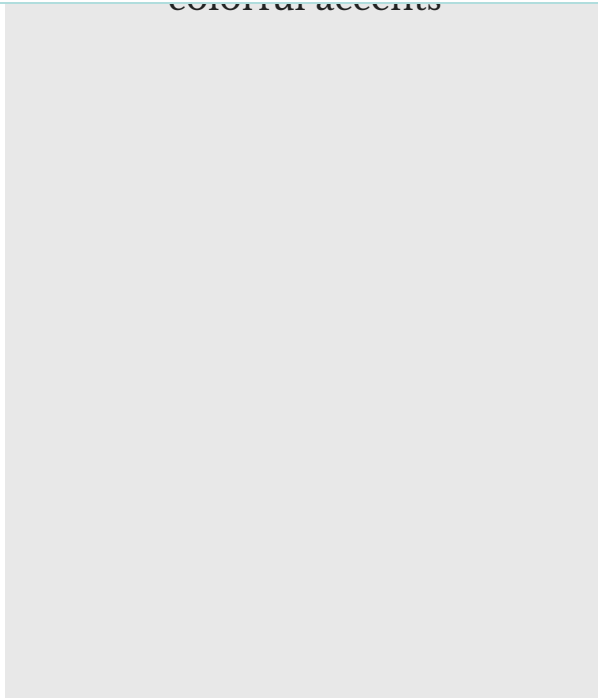
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## Introduce Soft Lines

If possible, Jernigan advises introducing some softer lines in furnishings and/or architecture.

“Curves, ovals, and gentler lines tend to create more visual flow versus arresting the eye with stark linear lines or sharp angles,” she says.

Round ottomans, sculptural vases, egg chairs, and wavy headboards are great options here.

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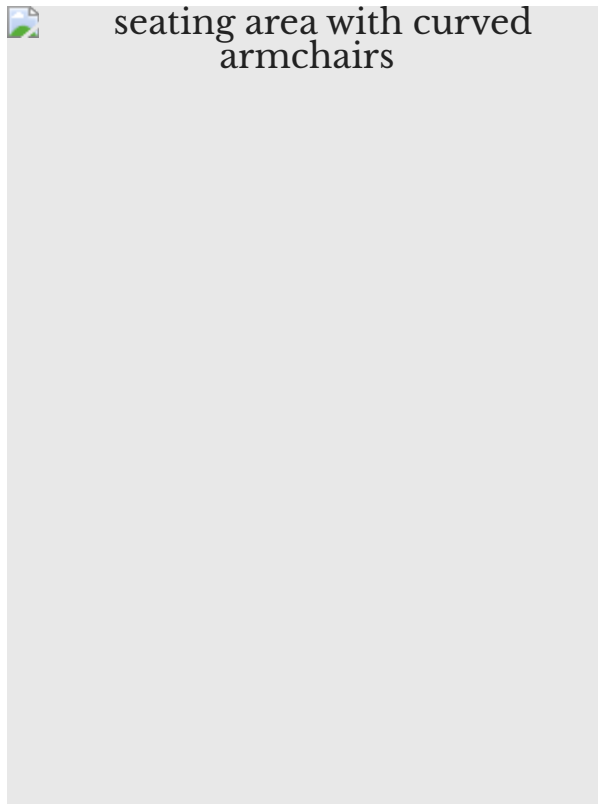
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## Create a Space That Reflects Your Personal Style

When all is said and done, the key to a warm, lived-in home is individuality. Don't be afraid to experiment with different decor styles, patterns, and color combinations [until your space feels like your very own sanctuary](#)—this applies to renters, too!

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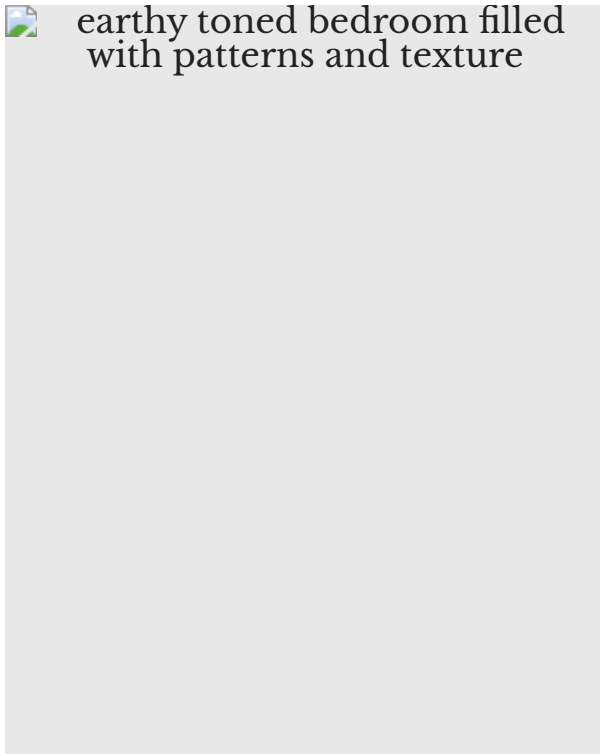
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