

Transform your room *on a budget*



Interior Design specialist Dipti Patel has plenty of ideas to help you brighten up a room without spending a fortune.

With a budget of £2,700, Cheshire based Dipti takes us through the brief and design she created for satisfied customers Mr & Mrs Boulton of Flintshire.

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Project Brief

Create a funky, modern relaxing sitting room, which oozes elegance and 'wow' factor, but keeps in line with the character of the house.

Key features:—

Colour scheme: Brown, Black, White, Silver and Lime green.

Keep existing carpet and sofa suite, but purchase new 'nest of tables' and 'TV enclosed system'.

Replace existing curtains poles and introduce tailored made curtains using rich, luxurious fabric.

Update floor tiles beneath the fireplace to blend in with log fire.

Remove wall lighting and replace existing ceiling light with feature ceiling light, and table lamp.

Replace scatter cushions and accessories to co-ordinate with new style and colour scheme.

Introduce wallpaper to bring an element of warmth on the feature wall.

Replace existing light socket and switches to modernise. Freshen up skirting boards and window sill.

Colour Scheme

Colours is a very personal thing. Reds tend to provide warmth, passion and a cosy feel, but can make the room appear small. Blues tend to provide a cool, calming and soothing mood and make the room seem larger. Lime green was the key colour for this makeover.

- Dulux Simply Neutral range in Simply Pearl remaining walls £14.47 for 2.5L
- Crown Lime Green emulsion for feature wall £17.98 for 2.5L
- Dulux Trade Vinyl Matt Pure Brilliant White Emulsion £23.69 for 6L

Furniture

Arrange the furniture so the room appears at its most spacious and to maximise the light coming through the window.

- Tesco Direct, Geneva Nest of 3 glass tables £199.99
- Chocolate brown leather 3-seater sofa & armchair, clients existing suite

Tip: minimise the number of pieces or the space will seem cramped



Wall Art

Create your personal display. Bespoke modern swirl pattern in black and silver canvass wallart designed and supplied by Charisma Interior Design (set of 2), £160.00

Tip: introduce large wall art or group family/landscape photos in different size frames to break up a plain wall



Window Treatment

The style of curtain you choose should relate to the style of your room. In this case modern and luxurious, with a charming cottage look.

- Floor length curtains tailored made in eyelet header using Ashley Wilde & lean, Jasmine Silver, £24.99 per metre
- Curtain poles from Homebase - 1.8M & 2.40M plus 2 sets of holdbacks, £114.96 in total

Tip: take your time when choosing fabrics for a room. A simple change in tone, texture and pattern can completely change the feel of a room.



Scatter Cushions/Throw

Introduce scatter cushions in different colours and textures along with a luxurious throw to bring colour and warmth into the room.

- Lime Green /chocolate brown cushion £9.98 from B&Q
- Lime Green suede cushion £6.99 and Silver £7.98 both from Dunelm Mill
- Arctic Fox throw from Au Naturelle Interiors £20.00
- Jasmine Silver rectangular cushion finished with contrasting silver trim, supplied by Charisma Interior Design, £28.50

Multi-media

Use existing space to its maximum capacity, keep clutter at bay. Deco Audio Bench in black, Clearance item from Alan Ward, priced at £320, sale price £279

Lighting

The beauty of lighting is that it costs very little to make a real impact

- Eternity 6 Light Pendant (ETE0650), futuristic gyroscopic 6 light finished in polished chrome from Simply Lighting Ltd, £184.00
- Twister Chrome Touch Table Lamp With Black String Shade from Focus, £44.99

Tip: Good lighting can enhance the space and show off the room at its best.



Flooring

Make an impact with pattern rug, which adds colour and interest Monochrome Rug from Dunelm Mill, Sale item - 50% off, was £69.99, purchased £34.99. Note, clients existing carpet

Tip: paint the floor tile with special black paint to blend into the authentic fireplace and modernise.



Mirror

Hung horizontal on the wall opposite the feature wall to reflect light into the room and add interest.

- Large bevelled mirror from Argos, £59.99

Accessories

- Black Companion Set from Homebase, £24.99
- Antique Candlestick in Chromo finish from www.homestylegifts.co.uk £30
- Green Grasses Artificial Flowers from Next, £14
- Lime Coasts, pack of 4 from Next, £4
- Aroma Relaxing Scented Candle from www.homestylegifts.co.uk £16.64
- Floating Tealight holder with decorative crystals supplied by Charisma Interior Design, £10 each



Charisma Interior Designer design advice

If you require a fabulous and stunning make-over with a 'wow factor' and are looking for something different, then find a starting point, build on it and plan your design process. Don't be afraid to be adventurous, try bold colours and patterns, trying mixing old with new.

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