

Luxury minimal design

When it comes to minimal interior design, a few key pieces of high-quality furniture complemented by luxury accessories can transform any room into a masterpiece. Here are several decorating tips from the experts. Words: Kasia Dietz

Our homes are our havens, where we spend the most time relaxing, recharging, and reconnecting, both with ourselves and with those closest to us. It's important to note, the energy of our home is directly connected to our own.

Expert advice for simplicity

Interior designer Valerie-Anne Creps, of Maison Alchemy, says, "Our home interior reflects who we are. Simplicity through minimalism at home can make us feel more relaxed, organised and peaceful." Her first rule for minimalist living is to keep it

functional. "Luxury is about comfort. Ensure there's enough space to circulate easily between and within rooms. Keep only essentials and what you love."

Take time to redesign

After creating more space in your home and clearing out the items that no longer please the senses, head online and begin the art of redecorating. Valerie-Anne advises: "Choose simple shapes and forms for furniture; be inspired by the Japandi style (a mix of Japanese and Scandinavian design)." AllModern achieves this Zen-like fusion of function and form with a focus on clean lines and light colours leading to bright, inviting spaces. Valerie-Anne also says it's best to keep a neutral palette and natural textures. "Minimalism means using natural materials such as stone, wood, wool, linen, cotton and natural fibres. You'll be surprised how different textures, even within the same colour palette, create a rich and stylish interior."

Invest, don't splurge

According to Suzanne Flenard of minimalist cushion brand Square Modern, "Luxury minimal design means quality over quantity. Buy a few



▲ Square Modern cushion

high-quality items that are timeless and functional." This might mean a 1960s teak dresser or a mid-century modern secretary desk. An authority on vintage minimalist pieces with a Scandinavian touch is Maison Nordik. The husband-and-wife team behind the Parisian-based boutique and online shop source most of their furniture and housewares from Denmark. They also feature home accessories, including minimalist ceramic vases from 101 Copenhagen. For something new, Interior Designer Bartosz Gajec recommends Muuto and MENU for well-crafted minimal furniture and home accessories.



▲ AllModern Kittredge armchair



▲ Maison Nordik