

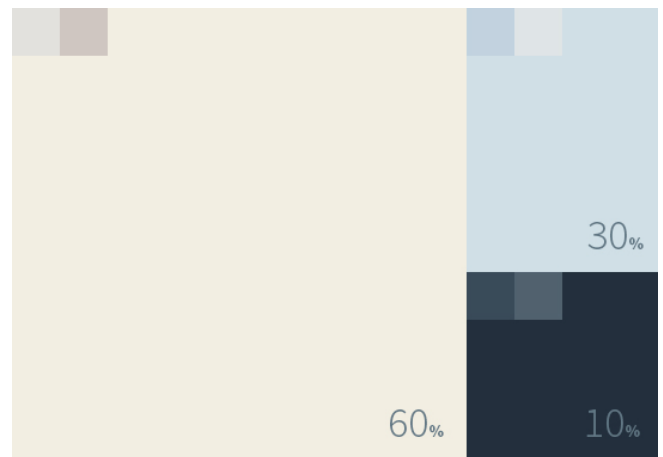
How to create a Scandinavian style for your living room

15 STEPS | BY AUTHOR

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1. KEEP 8 SCANDINAVIAN STYLING IDEAS THAT INSPIRE YOU

Using the colour code swatch below as a rough guide, look for simple, minimally decorated and understated interiors centred on functionality and clean lines using qeople's browse function or upload your own inspirations



2. LIVING ROOM PROJECT DETAILS

1. Mark your electrical sockets, lights, light switches and phone points on your living room floor plan.
2. Upload an image of your floor plan
3. Total floor area:
4. Total wall area:
5. Height of room:
6. If you are gutting your space, make a list of the items that require hacking and stripping e.g. wallpaper, old flooring, pipings
7. If your living room isn't in a perfect rectangle or square, take special note of the measurements of these spatial kinks

3. KEEP 3 FLOORING TYPES

Wooden flooring is a huge part of any Scandinavian styled interiors. So we're looking at light coloured hard woods and laminates for this style. The base colour of your flooring should form about 60% of the colour make up in your living room.

4. KEEP 3 WALL SURFACING TYPES

Like flooring, your wall surfacing choice will form about 60% of the colour make up in your living room, so select from the same tones of the flooring types you've just picked. To keep to the utilitarian Scandinavian theme, white or cool greys paint are preferable over wallpaper. But if you prefer the latter, pick subtly textured designs or those depicting nature.

5. KEEP 5 FEATURE WALL INSPIRATIONS

This is optional since the Scandinavian style is bigger on function than on form. But you don't have to stay Nazi strict on this rule. Don't forget that the Scandinavian style emerged from a social democratic background in the 1950s where low cost materials were embraced. You'll be looking out for rustic brick wall designs and simple wood panelling ideas here.

6. KEEP 4 SOFA STYLES

We recommend browsing through the works of Danish designers such as Arne Jacobsen, Hans Wegner and Fritz Hansen first which feature a lot of fabric clad and beautifully simple wood work before selecting more cost friendly options from Scandinavian country based brands. The sofa should form 30% of the colour make up in your room, so be sure to select more earthy tones to stay in line with the Scandinavian style! Note the length and height of your sofa seating during your search too.

7. KEEP 3 COFFEE TABLES

For a balanced feel, your coffee table should be about two thirds the length of your sofa. The height of your table also shouldn't tower over the seating height of your sofa. Your coffee table can be a focal point but like your sofa, stay in colour harmony and don't deviate too far in hues to achieve the Scandinavian look. Your choice should also be governed by utility. What will you be using your coffee table for? As an Ottoman? Storage space? Display your gadgets?

8. KEEP 3 TV CONSOLES

If you're not hanging up your spanking new television toy and prefer to have it sitting on your TV stand, be sure to select a console whose height would allow you to maintain eye level at the center of the screen. Determine your storage needs and where you'll be organising your electrical and cabling components. We recommend going for models in a wood material to keep to the Scandinavian look.

9. KEEP 5 ARMCHAIRS

The armchair should add interest in your living room and can be that focal designer piece in here. It doesn't have to match the sofa and can take on a different material type. Like the sofa, consider the depth and height of the seat as well as the cushion fill (if any).

10. KEEP 3 LIGHTINGS

Natural light takes centre stage in the Scandinavian styled home during daytime. In the evenings, mimic the gorgeous glows of daylight by selecting a gentle ambient light source that will reflect against your walls. Exposed light bulb styles are popularly used in this style. But also consider pendant lightings featuring enamelled aluminium or pressed steel for the look.

11. KEEP 6 TYPES OF CURTAIN/ BLIND FABRICS

Your window soft furnishings should allow natural light into your living area. Curtains should be light and airy, hung from basic looking curtain poles. If you prefer blinds, select natural fabrics such as textured linen and have them made as roman blinds. For a rustic feel, you may wish to consider white venetian blinds.

12. KEEP 3 DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES

Accessorising is almost frowned upon for this no frills look. But if you have space to spare, a little accessorising will not become clutter kill. The colours of the decorative accessories such as your vases, cushions and rugs should form at most 10% of the colour scheme in your living area. We suggest bringing in some greens such a sprig of Eucalyptus and arrange them in clear glass bottles or vases for interest.

13. SELECT 1 DESIGN SERVICES FROM OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

If you require more in depth advice or help with work you can't do yourself (such as hacking and spatial planning), consult a design professional! Be sure to look for portfolios featuring work that you like and wish to emulate. Click on xx to get a quotation from the designers of your choice.

14. SHOW OFF THE COMPLETED LOOK

Completed your project? Upload your photos and show off to the qeeple community your new look for your living room!