**5 Simple Tips for A Simple Minimalist Home**

Minimalist living starts with your living space. Your home is where you eat, sleep, play, argue, relax and do most of your living. That's why if you adopt minimalism, your home needs to be the best reflection of that. Why? Because that's where you'll reap the biggest benefits of a minimalist lifestyle.

These 6 tips will help you create a minimalist home that speaks simplicity but also reflects your personality and style.

1. **Keep surfaces clean**

The most common feature of a minimalist home is bare, streamlined surfaces. This includes kitchen and bathroom countertops, tables and work surfaces. All items should have designated places inside cupboards and drawers where they're easily accessible.

Shelving and bookcases should not be crowded with assorted knick-knacks, magazines or too many books. Declutter them and display only what you use frequently.

Add a couple of your favorite knick-knacks if you feel the space is too spare for you.

If totally bare surfaces are too Spartan for your taste, things like a couple of plants, a pretty basket or a cookie jar will add some color.

1. **Choose a calm color scheme**

Your color scheme can enhance the look and feel of elegant simplicity. Choose calm-inducing colors for walls like light greens, yellows and off-white. Solid colors for furniture are also commonly preferred in minimalist homes.

Ideally, your color scheme should be unified throughout the house for a streamlined look. Think of it as creating a clean canvas in each room to which you can add touches of color if you choose. Ultimately, however, your color preferences come first. As long as you feel your home is simple enough for you, that's all that matters.

1. **Choose quality over quantity**

A few pieces of good-quality furniture will really stand out in your minimalist home. The same goes for appliances, fixtures and shelving. Always look for quality and comfort rather than cheaper but lower quality.

Minimalism is about living better with less and not necessarily about opting for cheap. The best is actually a better investment because quality items can take more wear and tear and last much longer.

**4. Create open spaces**

Airiness and clean open space are the essentials of a minimalist home. Each room should be sparsely furnished with room to move around. Everything in a room should be something that's used often and not just taking up valuable space.

If your home is on the smaller side, it’s still possible to create more space with a little bit of creativity by keeping the bare minimum in each room. Open space not only makes your home look streamlined and elegant, but they also make cleaning much less of a hassle.

1. **Make it your own**

Do look for ideas online if you feel this is helpful. But remember, there are no set rules for how a minimalist home should look. How much less you want to live with, what colors you prefer and what you want to have in your home is totally up to you.

Continue to work on your home by removing more as you adapt to living with less but ultimately, you should strive to create your own minimalist living space that suits your needs and those of your family.

**Conclusion**

The minimalist lifestyle begins at home – your home! Once you've experienced the calming clarity-boosting benefits of a minimal living space, you can extend the practice to your office, garage, garden and other personal spaces. The goal is to look for the simple in everything you do.

Make your living space a tasteful, comfortable minimalist haven and use these 5 tips as guidelines. The end result should be a streamlined minimalist look that reflects your personal taste and style.