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## ROOM COSTS

### BEFORE



### BUDGET

Having a budget for your refurbishment project is key, as costs can spiral out of control if you don't monitor them carefully.

But how much does it cost to decorate a room?

Here is a project, before (left) and after (right), to help you work out your costs.

### THE BRIEF

Make the room feel light and welcoming

Create a cool, contemporary scheme

Update the old furniture but re-use well-loved items



### PRIORITISE THE SPEC LIST

- Write a list of 'must-haves' and a list of 'would-likes'
  - Lighting and furniture changes were key here
  - The new flooring was optional
- Calculate how many people the room must seat and ensure sufficient furniture (this could include 'hidden' stools as here)
- Don't forget accessories. Bare walls make a room feel unfinished.

### SUCCESS FACTORS

- Installed pendant and various table lamps
- Replaced heavy valanced curtains with light coloured fabric and smaller pelmet (to disguise track)
- A sophisticated, contemporary scheme of textured ivory and purple
- Warm wooden furniture to balance cooler colours in scheme

*"The per metre cost can be deceiving. It's important to do the maths because you'll need metres upon metres of flooring and the same for curtains at large windows."* NS



## INTERIOR DESIGN COSTS & TIPS



- Furniture costs can vary wildly - a sofa can cost a few hundred pounds (DFS) up to tens of thousands (B&B Italia).
- Bay windows require approx 25m of fabric plus 2m for pelmet - fabric costs vary from £25/m-£250/m
- Having furniture made sounds expensive but needn't be. It also gives you the opportunity to choose your own fabrics (rather than choosing from manufacturers limited options) and leg design and colour.
- Repeating patterns and shapes is a key trick - note how similar the handles and the circles in the rug are here. The curved arm on the sofa was also intentional.
- Invest in handles and elements that are used daily. This pair cost £60.
- Use reflective fabrics and wall coverings if you want to bring light into a room. Shimmer adds interest and will change as the natural light changes. Silk has natural lustre but man-made fabrics work just as well (and are cheaper).

### TRADE TIPS

Allow 25-30% of your budget for trade costs.

Do not opt for the cheapest - you'll often regret it.

Check new (2015) CDM regulations to discover your health & safety responsibilities as a client, or call NSID for professional advice.

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