



Travel

5 Simple Design Secrets to Make Your Apartment Look Like a Ultra-Cool Hotel



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NACHO ALEGRE/CASA BONAY HOTEL

Make your place look a little more like a boutique hotel and a little less like an Ikea hodgepodge.

Nothing is quite as relaxing as the moment you walk into a sparkly clean, **well-appointed hotel room**—partially because it’s usually a super-aspirational version of what we might want our own bedrooms to look like someday. Whether it’s the perfectly-made bed, the locally sourced **mini bar**, or the sort of mid-century furniture that makes most twentysomething hearts palpitate, luxury hotels often leave us wishing we could pack up just a bit of their style and carry it home in our luggage. From Barcelona to Portland, five designers of the trendiest hotels we know have shared their tips for how to bring a little bit of hospitality to your home.



2. Original artwork doesn't have to be expensive.

[The Nines](#) is a relatively luxurious retreat for Portland, Ore., the city better known for kombucha, fixed-gear bikes, and handlebar mustaches, but the art-adorned property has kept it local, right down to the canvases in their guestrooms. No stale Monet Water Lilies prints here—all guestrooms feature original artwork from students at the Pacific Northwest College of Art.

If you're ready to upgrade your [Ikea](#) printed canvases and art.com prints of *Starry Night*, check out the art department at a local college or university. Many have sales throughout the year where students can sell their work. You get to support a local artist, and that Endless Summer poster you snagged freshman year can finally retire.