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13 Minimalist Living Room Ideas That Are Simply Chic

Lean into the streamlined look with these minimalist living room ideas that prove less is more



Before establishing what minimalism is, let's first clear up what it *isn't*, as evidenced by the 13 minimalist living room ideas below. It's not soulless or cold or void of personality. It also doesn't necessarily have to be Scandinavian in style, or set in a sprawling New York City loft, or a modern design den. On the contrary, a minimalist home can be both cozy, deeply personal, and set in a small space—just with decorative restraint in mind.

“Minimalist design is getting to the essence of something,” says designer Jess Cooney of Jess Cooney Interiors in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. “It’s knowing when to stop and allow space around something to also make a statement.” Incorporating empty space as well as focusing on function and form are at the heart of the minimalist living room ideas below.



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Add an architectural accent

A built-in focal point, such as a fireplace, creates order, letting the eye know exactly where to rest. “This minimalist living room draws its focus to the white oak fireplace centered in the room,” says Sarah Randolph of Randolph Interior Design in Long Lake, Minnesota. “The simple square paneling creates an organized, calm, and grounding focal point for the space. Textures are important to use sparingly in a minimalist design, and the warmth of the white oak with the coolness of the cast stone fireplace surround achieves this nicely. The neutral color palette, clean lines of the furniture, and lack of window treatments lean into this concept as well.”