

Living Large

We share fabulous ways to decorate your open-plan living room with these stylish finds from Snow Globe

With the ever-changing demands of modern life, it's easy to see why an open-plan layout continues to be appealing. Not only does it expand the sense of space in your home, it also allows for extra flexibility to rearrange your furnishings should the need arise.

"The living room is one of the most social spaces in the house and in an open-plan concept, it has to look good and function well," says Juliana Boh, founder of furniture retailer Snow Globe. "Before you start purchasing furniture, take some time to work out how the space functions for you. This will help you to identify the right furnishings that will work for you." Here, she picks out some stunning pieces you can consider for your own open-plan living room.

KEEP IT NEAT

"The biggest challenges in decorating an open-plan space are maintaining privacy and tidiness; if there isn't enough storage, the space will look cluttered," says Boh. Opt for the Bernie freestanding shelf to help separate the various zones in your open-plan space, and showcase your souvenirs and photos.



SOFT LANDING

A rug is a useful and tactile piece to include in an open-plan living room. "A well-placed rug can help to define the function of the space and protect the floor; it can also make the area look cosy," advises Boh. The Andaman rug is an attractive choice with its mix of textures and hues of grey with dark blue undertones.



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SOCIAL CIRCLE

"Choose sofas that are L-shaped or curved to mark out the boundary of your seating area," advises Boh. "The enclosed form of such sofas also creates a more intimate atmosphere." She recommends the Theory sofa (below) for its modular design; play around with its configuration and create a cosy corner based on your floor plan. The Chariot sofa (left) is also a good choice for those who love retro-influenced curved forms.

TWO IN ONE

Create a layered look with a group of coffee tables in various heights; the Ethan nested coffee tables are a great option. "The different heights of these tables are aesthetically interesting; plus, the smaller table has a height suitable for kids to draw on. You also have the option to 'nest' them together when they're not in use," says Boh.

