

# LUXE FOR LESS

We'd all like more 'everyday luxury'. James Treble shows how the good things in life can be affordable.



## FROM THE EXPERT

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### 1 WEALTH... WITHOUT THE PRICE TAG

Some items are naturally sumptuous. For instance, shimmering metallic objects bounce light around the room and appear lush. For a high-end look, style and decorate your home with copper, polished brass or shiny chrome accessories. And don't forget collectable items you may have inherited and stuffed into a drawer: dust off and use those old silver serving trays and crystal decanters. Incorporating tactile finishes in your rooms also lends an affluent air. Think faux fur or velvet cushions, chunky weave throws and leather accessories, such as decorative containers and mirror surrounds.



**SIMPLE LUXURY**

Pasadena Plait cushion, \$99, from M.J.G. Store. Perle tumbler in Amethyst, \$90 for set of 2, from Casa e Cucina.

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#### A LITTLE LUXE GOES A LONG WAY

You know that feeling when you drink your coffee from that gorgeous mug you splashed out on? Often it's the little things that can have the biggest impact. I get real enjoyment out of allowing myself a few nice touches in my everyday routine. Beautiful cushions, for example, are an easy and affordable way to deliver a daily dose of luxury. And it's interesting how small but key items, such as a stylish vase or serving bowl, will make everything else around it feel luxurious.

### 3 ROCK A HOTEL VIBE

There's nothing quite like the feel of crisp and clean fresh sheets. It's something we love about staying in hotels, so why do so many of us settle for cheap and lacklustre bed linen at home? I bet your linen cupboard contains a range of sheet sets, some of which you don't even use, all of which you've spent good money on. Instead of buying multiple sets on impulse, buy one good-quality sheet set with a high thread count. By spending on quality instead of quantity, you'll actually save money and get to enjoy the luxurious feel that truly good-quality sheets provide every night. And bonus, you'll have more room in the cupboard instead of stacking it full of sheets you never use. The same goes for good-quality pillows.

**Hotel vibe**  
Good-quality bed linen, flowers in a vase and an opulent pendant light create an upmarket space.



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**Live it up**  
A few key pieces, such as plush cushions, can speak volumes when creating a luxurious look.

**START SAVING**  
Now there's a thought. Are we all a bit "I want it and I want it now!" these days? There's nothing wrong with buying the more economical version because you want something immediately, but don't let that voice push you into buying on impulse. I'm a fan of saving money for my special purchases.

### 4 CREATE CLASS

It's not all about bling. Even the simplest things can add an indulgent feel to your home: good-quality scented candles, handmade soap in the bathroom, a Moroccan tassel on the bedroom doorhandle or a bunch of fresh flowers in a vase as you walk through the hallway. By adding small touches like these throughout your home, you can create a luxurious feeling in a very cost-effective way.



**SIMPLE LUXURY**

Gingerbread candle in pure copper jar, \$44.50, from Endless Candles.

ENDLESS CANDLES

### 5 CHOOSE, DON'T LOSE

So you've fallen in love with a set of amazing dining chairs, a stylish pair of lamps and a stunning cutlery set, and then you check the price... we've all been there! Instead of giving up or settling for a cheaper option, my trick is to think about which one of those items would make the biggest impact of luxury in my life. It may be that the dining chairs are so comfortable after a big day. For me? It's the cutlery set, as presentation is everything – and even a toasted cheese sandwich tastes better when it's served with quality cutlery and dinnerware! **H+**



**EVERYDAY LUXURY**

Charm cutlery set in Copper, \$79 for 16 pieces, from Freedom.

## Shiny and glam BEST BUYS



1. Ombre Home Flower Bomb wire table lamp in Gold, \$39.99, from Spotlight.
2. Lane table lamp, \$49.95, from Emporium.
3. Cafe Lighting & Living Elie pendant light, \$149.95, from Zanui.
4. Denley table lamp, \$149.95, from Amalfi.
5. Sleuth table lamp in Copper, \$158, from Matt Blatt.
6. Cafe Lighting & Living Cara desk lamp, \$149.95, from Zanui.
7. IDC hammered metal bowls in Copper, \$82.95 for 2, from Temple & Webster.