



BOHEMIAN STYLE at HOME

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Case study

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Often a neglected part of the home, the hallway can be tricky to plan, especially if space is limited. This hallway, however, is a perfect example of how welcoming the space can be. Plants, as we know, feature heavily in every bohemian home and are especially useful in a hallway, where they can be used effectively to hide all manner of clutter. Here, by cleverly interspersing greenery alongside essential day-to-day items, the eye is immediately drawn away from the unsightly boots and shoes in favour of the lush plant life. Trailing succulents, suspended here from the ceiling in rustic pot holders, soften the hard tile and concrete backdrop. You could hang these on anything from a peg rail to a hook, nail or coat rack for an effective yet inexpensive way to furnish a small entryway. To complete the earthy look, the wooden shelving and stool blend in and provide an interesting textural contrast. The addition of a small armchair not only provides somewhere to sit and put your shoes on, but adds to the lived-in feel of this room, which exudes a relaxed, non-precious vibe.



Colour

Bohemian decor conjures up images of bright colours and bold hues, and the dining room is a perfect place to indulge in those rich tones, giving the room a cosy and comforting feel. As this is a less frequently used room, feel free to paint the walls in a more daring colour or even hang vintage-style wallpaper to add charm. If you opt for a more neutral base, then ramp up the colour in the curtains, rugs and accessories. Whether you choose bright colours or neutrals, the dining room should be oozing with earthiness and an abundance of natural elements all flowing together to create an effortless and intriguing space.

Accessories

Although traditional boho style is a maximalist one – loud, colourful and most certainly not about empty surfaces and blank walls – the recent emergence of a more pared-back version of boho sees more neutral wall colours that are being livened up through the use of texture-heavy rugs, macramé wall hangings and bold, oversized artwork. The right accessories will add interest to your space and make for interesting dinner conversation with guests.

Botanicals are an essential part of bohemian design and the dining room is no exception. They are an affordable way to add colour, dimension and texture to the space as well as creating a sense of wellbeing. Cacti and succulents look great on the table as a centrepiece, while tall indoor plants like fiddle leaf figs and even small trees can fill up an awkward corner and provide an unexpected focal point. Get creative with planters by varying texture and colour.



▲ Coloured glass adds a retro touch to this table setting.

Signature colours

It can be hard to choose a colour scheme for any small space, white often being favoured for its ability to make a room appear larger and brighter. However, this seemingly windowless bathroom is a perfect example of how it is possible to make a big impact simply through choosing bold colours and plenty of textures.

Here, the pairing of turquoise with the natural hues of terracotta tiles adds warmth, earthiness and personality as well as a distinct Mediterranean vibe. One of the most original characteristics found in rustic terracotta tiles are the irregularities in the finish, which give the room an organic and unique quality so typical in bohemian homes.

The wall tiles have been chosen in a very vibrant shade of turquoise, a colour deeply rooted in human history as one that brings peace, harmony and lasting happiness. Native Americans believed that this colour had the ability to ward off evil and offer health. In the same way, turquoise has been embraced by cultures across the world as one that relaxes the mind and eases mental tension. The combination of the two colours has an invigorating and energising effect.

The earthiness and rustic feel of the scheme are carried through the rest of the room with the use of an unusual wooden basin and rattan accessories. The orange towels echo the colour of the terracotta, whilst the woven light shade casts a warm glow against the tiles.



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