

Designer Inspired Bookshelves

Designer Inspired Bookshelves, by Mike Weiland, Downtown Minneapolis Real Estate Specialist

Have you ever walked through a model home and admired the beautiful bookshelves and décor? However, when you tried to duplicate the scene in your own home it just didn't look the same. Well this article will share the secrets professional interior designers use to create beautiful appealing bookshelves that motivate potential buyers.

Although design taste varies from region to region, according to real estate expert, Mike Weiland of The Weiland Group of Edina Realty, there are some basic design principles that are standard practice. Of course it goes without saying the first step towards professional looking bookshelves is to dust off and polish the contents and the shelf itself.

Step one is to start from scratch. Remove everything from the bookcase. Remember the saying, "Less is more." An overcrowded space makes the viewer feel tense. As you begin to put items back on shelves leave some blank space for the eye to rest.

Bookshelves aren't just for books. Other items should be included on bookshelves as well as books. For example, tasteful pieces can be displayed around a grouping of books. A trick the designers use is to lay several books flat in a pile with the spine turned facing out. Place a piece on top of this stack. The stack acts as a pedestal as well as a holder so the standing books next to them won't fall over.

Knickknacks are in the eye of the beholder. Think carefully before displaying an object. Is it an object that will appeal to the masses, or is it an item that is appealing simply for its personal sentimental value? Mike Weiland has a solution for clients who do not want to display personal pieces to the masses. Purchase decorative baskets to display on the shelves and put the pieces inside.

A final trick the professional decorators use to make the bookshelves stand out is to take the dust covers off of the books. The books are then grouped by color and displayed in smaller units sprinkled throughout the unit. If you don't have enough books, consider your local Salvation Army Store, Good Will Shop, or Garage Sale, for some inexpensive decorative books to finish off the professional look.

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