

30 Interior Design Skills Pros Say You Should Definitely Know by Age 30

Don't knock yourself if something doesn't turn out right the first time

When it comes to home decor, building plans, or organization, it can often feel overwhelming to identify the best approach. And as we get older and tackle more projects, we learn and evolve and hopefully don't make those mistakes again.

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To help reduce clutter in the house, try to live by a rule by Lauren Meichtry, Founder of designer pillow brand [Elsie Home](#).

"One of the best tips I learned by 30 was when you buy something new, you should get rid of something old. I don't mean go and toss grandma's china, but there's a reason you chose to buy a new accent chair, rug, or even a cute new coffee mug and that reason likely isn't because you want to become a hoarder," says Meichtry. To help you stick to this rule, try to design your home with simplicity in mind. "If you design

with open shelves in the kitchen, you can avoid this all together. There's no room for hoarding when your space is limited and your mug collection is on display," she says.