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Whether you want to fill a large room or double up on texture, here's how to make layered rugs work for you

You'll need: Two or more rugs of your choosing – we've come up with four suggested combos for you.

**<u>1</u> Choose** complementary colours or patterns – think a neutral cowhide layered over a jute base or a collection of Persian rugs in similar tones.

**<u>2 Mix</u>** textures for contrast. Try a flatweave rug over a plush fringed mat, or a sheepskin over a traditional wool rug.

**<u>3 Play</u>** around with rug shapes to define spaces or anchor key furniture items.

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Round rugs are fun for a kids' play area, while an animal hide looks great placed on an angle under a coffee table. [3+4]

**<u>4</u> Embrace** small rugs that you might normally overlook because they don't fill a space. Simply layer them on top of your larger rug, or overlap multiple small rugs to create one large rug.

**<u>5 Protect!</u>** Rugs protect carpet from stains, making them a renter's best friend. Cotton runners, some woven rugs and even bathmats can easily be thrown into the washing machine.

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# 4 rug combinations to try

 CC-Tapis "Afterparty" rug in Pink (1.7m x 2.4m), \$8340, Loom. 2 Network Rugs "Winnie" Gold, Pink and Blue rug (2m x 2.9m), \$849, Temple & Webster. 3 Stockholm 2017 flatwoven striped rug in White Striped Red Orange (3.5m x 2.5m), \$499, Ikea. 4 Armadillo & Co "Sierra Weave" rug in Fairyfloss (1.4m x 2m), \$780, Life Interiors. 5 Pyrell wool weave rug in Silver Grey (2m x 2.9m), \$699, Sheridan. 6 Beau Cosy large rug in Grey (2m x 2.9m), \$799, Harvey Norman. 7 Puna sheep's wool rug in #0638 (1.55m x 1.95m), \$1390, Pampa. 8 Souk wool rug in Ivory/ Graphite (1.52m x 2.44m), \$699, West Elm.

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# LIFE STYLING

Interior stylist Jason Grant shares his favourite decorating tips and tricks so you can pull off that effortlessly put-together look like a pro

## come together

The dining area should feel communal and relaxed, after all, you gather, eat and entertain here. Bring personality to the table with mismatched chairs, tableware and an interesting centrepiece. Jason alternates fresh flowers with objects he finds on the beach. →

### create a calming space

"Less is more when decorating the bedroom," Jason says. Start with a neutral palette to set a calming tone, then incorporate a colour you're drawn to, like this olive green bedlinen. Jason uses side table lamps because they add instant ambience and warmth. And if you have floorboards, dial up the comfort factor with a rug, or two.

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#### think outside the wall

Creating a gallery-style art wall can seem daunting, but Jason says over time you'll gain confidence. "My top tip is to have a common link, like using only timber frames." Think of this space as a moving work in progress. Don't be afraid to rearrange pieces, add new ones or use the floor to display art you love – Jason says leaning art against the wall or on a side table gives the room a more casual feel.



#### up your storage game

No built-ins? No worries. Multi-tasking storage is the key to styling a super-organised space, so think beyond the basic clothes rack and find a wardrobe that's got layers to hang, stack and store, like Jason's oak wood unit from Floc Studio. For stress-free dressing, group your clothes by colour and assign every item a convenient home of its own, Jason adds. • Mrjasongrant.com;@mrjasongrant