



THE *entryway*

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THE ENTRYWAY IS A VERY IMPORTANT PLACE TO consider when decorating your home, as it sets the first impression when guests walk through the front door. Granted you have enough square footage, there are a few crucial elements to setting up the perfectly functional entrance way. Even if you're short on space, there are ways to incorporate these important pieces.

DÉCOR ITEMS TO CONSIDER:

» **Storage and display**

Try incorporating a small console or sideboard with a drawer or two. This is a great place to store knick knacks, spare keys, a dog leash, mail, etc. It will also provide valuable surface area to display small pieces of art and interesting accessories.

» **Seating**

Even if it's just a small upholstered cube like the one pictured above, it creates a space where people can sit to put their shoes on. Tuck them away under the sideboard to ensure optimum traffic flow.

» **Mirror**

Placing a large mirror in the entryway gives you the last minute opportunity to check yourself out before you leave the house. It also will reflect light and make the space feel larger. Pictured above, the large mirror leaning on the wall is a play on scale and adds a bit of drama.

» **Umbrella holder**

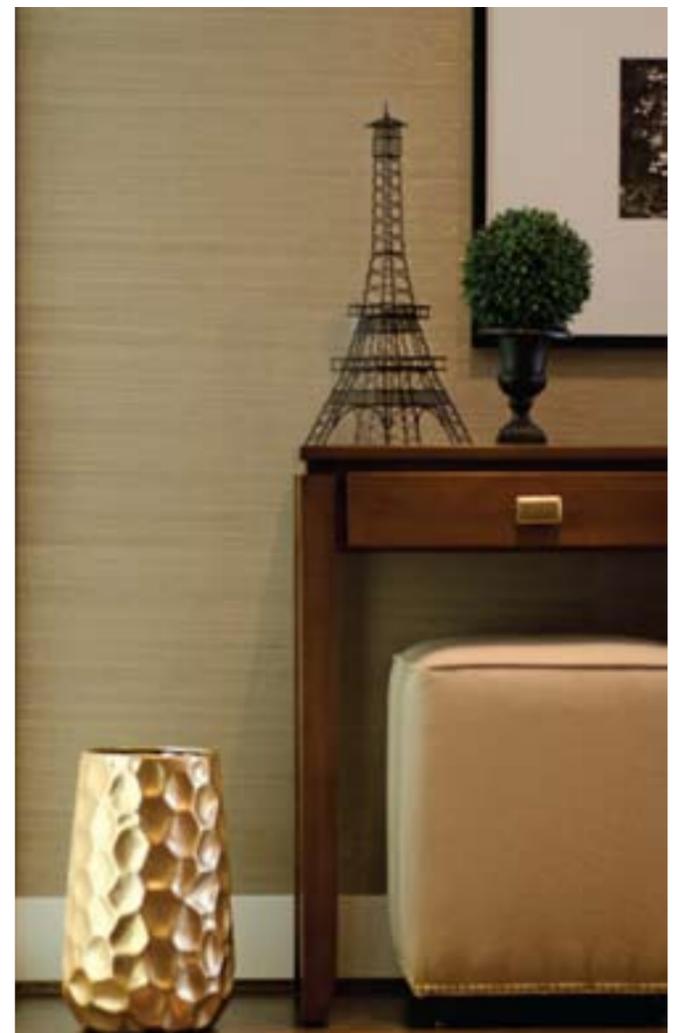
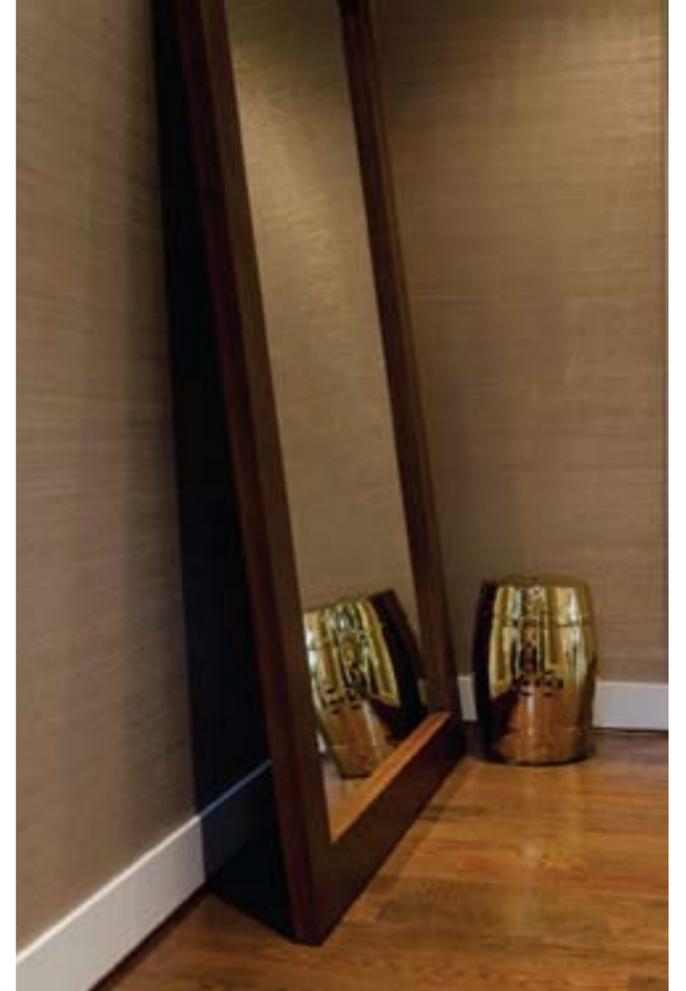
Crucial in spring weather! It's nice to have somewhere you can stash your umbrella so it isn't leaking all over your floor. There are so many neat options out there now with no shortage of colour or texture.

» **Art**

Pictured here, I hung a simple black and white print of Paris in a classic black frame with an exaggerated white matte. So if you have a print that isn't quite the right size, but is perfect for the space, try adding a large matte to achieve a customized look.

» **Accessories**

Play with texture, shapes and colours. Don't be afraid to mix and match different items from your home like picture frames, vases and sculptures. Here I made sure to incorporate a bit of greenery, a black wire Eiffel Tower, a gold honeycomb umbrella stand and gold-flecked grass cloth wallpaper, which ties it all together.



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Each entryway has its own character, so you can imagine what the rest of that home will look like, right? Make sure your entryway reflects the rest of your décor and feel free to exaggerate it a little. The entryway, like the powder bathroom, is the perfect example of a place in the home where you can have some fun and add a bit of drama with your décor choices. Make this first impression count!



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