

How to Tidy Up an Open Concept Space

From the groovy 70s to the *streamline moderne* style of the era of industrialization, home architecture has always been a topic of discussion. In the current era, interior designing has experienced a shift away from coordinated color palettes and mod shapes, towards a more sophisticated mid-century modern aesthetic. For now, the contemporary taste remains in the usage of smart architecture and natural lighting. With this design trend on the rise, the emphasis has been towards open concept spaces, for a while.

In terms of smart architecture, the open home design reduces the number of walls inside your house. The concept has brought many advantages such as spacious interiors, and the usage of sunlight to illuminate the interior. Additionally, open spaces make for great parties as it never feels too crowded.

The elimination of walls and doors; or any fixed barriers, in this home plan allows you to be able to see the on-goings throughout your house, and creates an openness. However, on the downside, open concepts are less private, and tend to seem disorganized, and in disarray more often than not if you're not too careful!

To effectively furnish your open concept for functionality and style, you must choose the furniture very carefully. In such spaces, the furniture acts as dividers for each room. In terms of furniture and keeping your open space organized, we've gathered up fun, and smart ways for you to decorate your house while making sure it always remains clean!

Invest in Some Closets & Cabinets



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One of the common problems you might face when tidying up open concept spaces is storage. This includes storage for clothes, books, or other seldom-used items. **Hand-crafted furniture** is a good way to tackle this issue - as bookcases, cabinets, tables, and chests have ample space that can help you reduce visible clutter effectively.

Other ways to keep your open floor plan tidy and aesthetically pleasing, include:

Multi-Functional Room Dividers

To separate different sections of the open floor; where you would ordinarily use dividers such as curtains, or paper walls - you should consider setting up tall bookshelves, or cupboards. You can set up your unused items on their shelves, tidying up your living space in the process.

On the other hand, if you aren't keen on buying multi-functional room dividers, separate different parts of the room with the help of diverse rugs and carpets, keeping your space neat, while giving it a homely feel.

Multi-Functional Furniture

Space saving furniture includes beds, tables, sofas, or other pieces of furniture that can serve two or more different functions. Prime examples of these are sofa-cum-beds. There are a number of variations that you can choose from when looking for such furniture, including sofas with hidden storage spaces, tables with closets, and more!

Such furniture pieces can serve you exceptionally well when you are looking to save on space, keep your home tidy, and maintain a sense of style.

Wall-Mounted Shelves & Cabinets

If your walls seem too bare, you can always opt for wall-mounted shelves and cabinets. Along with the extra storage for your decoration and everyday items, they also add aesthetic value to your walls and give you the creative freedom to decorate your open space as you like.

Design Smartly



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The functionality of the concept does not depend on how clean you keep your open space, or how tidy it looks. While there are a slew of different design options you can utilize, you should take care to ensure that your design frees up floor space, while maintaining an air of contemporary minimalism.

Find the Right Balance Between Convenience & Complicated

Contemporary furniture designs are not always meant for everyday use. As styles innovate and come to life, you will always come across some pieces of furniture that, although beautiful, have little to no functionality. For example, while a stone table may seem like just the thing for your open space living room, imagine walking into it 10 times a day!

When dressing your space, make sure you are not trading off convenience for your design's aesthetic.

Keep the Aesthetic Consistent

When designing, if you keep one end of the open space minimalistic, make sure you follow the same layout throughout. An altered design-sense, smack dab in the middle of the space will make one end, or the other seem untidy, and out of space.

Clear Counters

Whether it is a kitchen counter, or the mantel atop your fireplace, clear countertops give off a much cleaner and calmer vibe to the area. Keep in mind, though, the difference between *clean* and *empty* counters. Not only will empty counters raise eyebrows, and questions, when your friends come around, but also, invite the possibility of clutter.

Decorate your counters with vases, picture frames, or other decorative materials, but make sure the items do not seem cramped in the process. Clean counters are paramount for the overall look of your house, as the open space design increases visibility, making even the slightest of out-of-place items apparent.

Hold Regular Cleaning Sessions

No matter how careful you are, after some time your space is bound to get untidy. In your busy schedule, you may hang clothes where they don't belong, or stow away toys at a convenient, yet wrong spot.

Once every week or month, you should take some time out of your busy schedule to reorganize everything as it was. Take the time to thoroughly clean those hard-to-reach corners that are not paid much attention to on a regular basis. During these sessions, brush and dust all your floors, furniture, counters, shelves, and other surfaces vigorously, and try to flatten out as many discrepancies as you can from your open space design.

Keep It Bright



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One of the key benefits open-floor concepts hold is that they are bright. Tall windows and open spaces combine to shine brightly on all your furnishings, giving your house a unique beauty under natural light.

The best thing you can do with this light is to *not* block, but use it. Add furniture that matches what the natural light presents and at night, try to keep your space well-lit.

At the end of the day, a clean and tidy open floor is highly dependent on the aesthetic you set, your furniture, and how you manage to keep your stuff out of the way.