

Small rent. Good taste.

30 IKEA upgrades for a two-bedroom rental.



ONE WORKED PLAN

\$499

including the \$10 guide

Keep your furniture. Change how the room feels.

Existing furniture, tools and curtain hardware assumed. In-store shopping. Allowances and exclusions on page 3. Room concept illustration.

Your apartment already has the expensive parts.

The sofa. The beds. The table you eat at. Keep them.

Spend on what changes the view.

A curtain that frames the glass, a rug that connects the seating, a lamp at the height of a conversation. These changes alter what you notice without asking you to replace a room of furniture.

Thirty moves. One shopping list.

Some moves introduce an item; others show you how to measure, arrange or reuse it. They are styling and organization projects, not thirty furniture rebuilds. The same cart serves breakfast and, on another evening, dinner. It is bought once.

Start with the room you use most.

Read the measurement checks before buying. Skip pieces that do not fit your home. The aim is a coherent apartment that works for the people in it, not a photograph you have to maintain.

A note about the pictures.

The room images are concept illustrations. Existing furniture and props establish the setting and are not all included in the basket. Use the shopping list and measured drawings for the actual plan. This guide does not claim a completed or physically tested makeover.

A budget with the small costs left in.

The merchandise is \$410.25. The rest stays available for the costs that a headline usually forgets.

18 IKEA line items	\$410.25
Sales-tax allowance	\$45.00
Hemming, fasteners and printing allowance	\$25.00
Price-change contingency	\$8.75
This Pocket Revel guide	\$10.00

WORKED TOTAL

\$499.00

The assumptions

You already own the sofa, beds, mattresses, a suitable duvet insert, desk, chairs, basic linens and ordinary household items. You have usable tools and safe existing curtain and towel hardware. The plan assumes in-store shopping; delivery, travel, installation labor and new major furniture are excluded.

Tax and supply amounts are allowances, not quotes. Recalculate at checkout. If your actual total exceeds \$499, omit a nonessential frame or reuse suitable cushion inserts before spending more. The \$10 guide is included here; do not add it twice.

A room-by-room route.

Go in order for the full plan, or start with the space that bothers you most.

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Give the room a point of view.



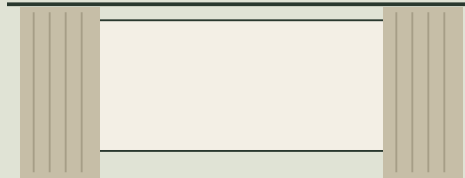
Start where you spend the most waking hours. The largest changes here come from a longer curtain line, a properly placed rug and light at sitting height. Keep the sofa. Give everything around it a job.

Illustrated planning guide. Adapt each arrangement to your home.

Let the window keep its daylight.

The usual rental curtain hangs directly over the glass, so even an open pair makes the room darker. Before choosing a new height, look at where the fabric will sit when you pull it back. The useful change is often width.

PLACEMENT STUDY / ADAPT TO YOUR ROOM



Keep clear glass visible.

114 in of fabric / one pair

Hem after washing.

MEASURE FIRST The pair gives 114 in of flat fabric. A rod spanning 57-76 in gives roughly 2x to 1.5x fullness. This is a styling range, not a mounting specification.

- 01** Measure the complete rod span, then the clear glass. Write both down. Keep existing blinds that provide privacy; these curtains are light filtering.
- 02** Check that the existing rod and brackets are secure, suitable for the fabric and permitted by your lease. Do not attach a new rod to the blind mechanism.
- 03** Thread the panels using the heading option that fits your rod. Spread the gathers evenly. Put the outer edges beyond the glass where the existing hardware allows.
- 04** Open the pair fully and compare the exposed glass with your starting position. If the rod is too short, keep the safe position and reserve a later hardware project.
- 05** Stand in the doorway. The curtain edges should frame the opening, with enough fabric left to close comfortably. Do not stretch a single panel across a wide window.

THE FINISH

A vertical line of fabric on each side makes the window feel deliberate, even when the blinds stay.

WATCH FOR

This cart dresses one window. Additional windows and new rods are not silently included in the price.

FROM THE SHARED LIST: GINSTMOTT curtains

Make one pool of evening light.

Ceiling light reaches every corner with the same enthusiasm. A low lamp gives the eye somewhere softer to land. One FADO belongs in the living room, on a stable surface you already own; the other is reserved for the bedroom.

PLACEMENT STUDY / ADAPT TO YOUR ROOM



2700 K

450 lm / soft ambient light

Task lighting stays where you need it.

MEASURE FIRST FADO is about 10 in across, with a 6 ft 1 in cord. The budgeted bulb is E26, 450 lumens, 2700 K and non-dimmable.

- 01** Choose a stable, level console or side table large enough to hold the complete lamp base with room around it. Keep it away from an edge and from children or pets who could pull the cord.
- 02** With the lamp unplugged, fit the specified bulb and assemble the shade exactly as IKEA instructs. Check the lamp label and bulb compatibility before switching on.
- 03** Route the cord along the rear of the furniture to a nearby outlet. Keep it out of walking routes and never conceal it beneath a rug.
- 04** After sunset, turn off the overhead light briefly and sit in the usual seat. Move the lamp along the same safe surface until it lights a wall or a corner without reflecting in the television.
- 05** Restore task lighting where you read or work. This small globe supplies atmosphere; it is not the only light a whole room needs.

THE FINISH

The wall behind the lamp becomes part of the composition. Leave some of it visible.

WATCH FOR

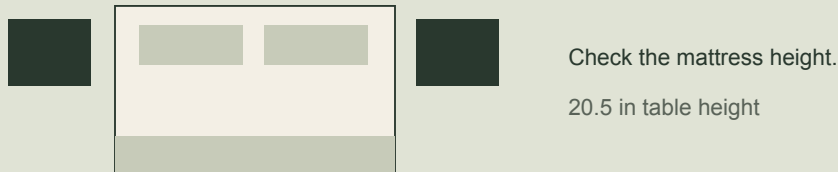
The budgeted SOLHETTA bulb is not dimmable. Do not add an incompatible dimmer or expect a glass globe to survive a fall.

FROM THE SHARED LIST: FADO table lamp / SOLHETTA E26 opal LED

Give the bed one continuous surface.

A patterned duvet, several unrelated throws and three sets of pillowcases can make a small bedroom feel busy before anything else is in it. A plain white cover turns the bed into one large quiet shape. The fabric does not have to be expensive to be kept well.

PLACEMENT STUDY / ADAPT TO YOUR ROOM



MEASURE FIRST The listed set is Full/Queen and contains a cover and pillowcases, not a duvet insert. Match the actual cover measurements on the product page to your existing insert before buying.

- 01** Measure your duvet insert and sleeping pillows. Names such as queen do not guarantee that every maker uses the same dimensions.
- 02** Wash the new cover and cases according to their labels. Dry as directed and remove promptly to reduce creases; the published shrinkage limit is up to 4%.
- 03** Turn the cover inside out, hold its top corners together with the insert corners, then work the cover over the insert without pulling the seams.
- 04** Spread the bed from the center outward. Set the side overhangs evenly, then fold the top down enough to expose the pillows and the sheet beneath.
- 05** Keep one existing throw if you need it. Fold it across the lower third, or store it in the under-bed case when the weather is warm.

THE FINISH

The room should look ready for sleep. White bedding still needs normal laundering; it is not a substitute for it.

WATCH FOR

If you use a comforter that cannot take a cover, keep it and skip this line item. Do not buy an unbudgeted insert to make the plan work.

FROM THE SHARED LIST: PILTANDVINGE duvet cover set