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As the place where friends and family gather the most in a home, a well-decorated dining and living room should be inviting while also embodying one's personal decor style.



This showpiece light fixture features smoky glass spheres hanging at staggered heights, creating drama and contrast. The combination of the freeform black cord and brass detailing works well in the space. It makes a statement without being too heavy and overbearing.



The antique brass base and leather upholstery of these elegant but comfy chairs (Interlude) are easy to maintain, even with little sticky fingers around.



I love mixing the old with the new. In this scheme, I went with a layered neutrals palette, which gives the room a grand and luxurious feel yet keeps it homey and warm.

First to greet the eye are the classic chinoiserie grasscloth wallcovering (Phillip Jeffries) and statement lighting (Rainbow Lighting).



The plush silk wool rug makes a great base for the area, further defining the space.



The round, brass-trimmed contemporary mirror (CB2) adds a whimsical flair and reflects the light from the windows directly opposite, adding to the airy feel.



The dark solid wood dining room table is a strong contrast to the light oak herringbone flooring. I prefer when the dining table and chairs aren't a "set," yet work well together.



Complementary but not matching sets of sconces balance the mix of round and rectangular elements.



A curved boucle sofa and asymmetrical coffee table (Arteriors) add to the playfulness and take up less space visually. The velvet blue swivel chair with a walnut base (Rejuvenation) is a fan favorite. It makes a great spot to cozy up and read *Ami Magazine!*



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# THE ART OF DUPING

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If you can't afford high-end furnishings, duping is a great way to get similar items at a much lower price. Purchasing copycat budget items that look like the real thing is a great way to save money. So if you can't afford to avail yourself of a designer's trained eye, I recommend Wayfair as the best website to get dupes on, followed by [Tovfurniture.com](http://Tovfurniture.com) and [Target's Threshold line](http://Target's Threshold line). I would warn you, however, to proceed with caution before buying anything from Chinese websites such as [Homary](http://Homary.com) and [Lifefad](http://Lifefad.com).

When "duping" on your own without help from a designer, watch out for certain furniture finishes that look cheap, like shiny velvet upholstery and bright yellow gold furniture legs. I recommend matte brass as a much nicer hue for finishes. The kind of

wood or material something is made out of can make a big difference, as can proportions. There are other signs that furniture is made cheaply, such as headboards that leave a space between them and the mattress, and thick, heavy furniture legs or arms on a chair or couch.

I also recommend that before buying a copycat item the consumer read many reviews, especially those that include pictures of the actual item in people's homes. Another great tip is to ask the vendor or website for a sample of the material, which is often free of charge.

Above are examples of duping. I've chosen several high-priced items I used for my dining room design you see on the previous page and show you similar-looking items at a fraction of the cost.



This brass-trimmed rectangular mirror continues the theme, while adding visual interest and indirect light to that corner.



The console (KathyKuo), which echoes the parchment and brass elements of the buffet, is a perfect spot to display decorative trinkets and family photos, while providing a nesting place for additional pouf seating (Pottery Barn) for those extra guests who pop over on these long Friday nights.

Last but not far from least, the accessories and styling play a pivotal role in a design scheme. Books, florals and candles are all great decor pieces that make a room come alive and feel memorable.



The dark wood buffet, with its beautiful parchment inlay and brass accents, ties together the dark and light elements throughout the room.